



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



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Easter!

Thursday, April 20, 2000

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**DRESS REHEARSAL** was held last week for a colorful reenactment of Florentine painter, Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper," to be presented at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Maundy Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. Directed by Howard Taylor, the historic production will feature Ken Louchart as "Nathaniel," Walter Fleege as "James the Lesser," Fred Campbell as "Andrew," Steve Fick as "Simon Peter," Steve Southard as "Judas Escariot," Mike Dunckel as "John," Reverend Jeff Jagers as "Jesus," Larry Curriston as "James," Bruce McGuire as "Thomas," Paul Smith as "Philip," Bob McIntosh as "Matthew," Jim Carmean as "Thaddeus" and John Wylie as "Simon the Zealot." Period costumes and set were designed by Carole Campbell, Carol Schultz, Donna Carmean and Shirley Schmooch. The public is welcome to attend.

## Industrial Park expansion proposal gets green light

Under a new growth management proposal approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 1,850 acres of state owned lands are now available for commercial and industrial expansion in Grayling Township.

The expansion includes extending the current industrial park south to Four Mile Road, although the actual placement of new businesses will begin at the southern end of the property location and work northward.

DNR Director K.L. Cool signed the executive order creating the program at the April meeting of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) in Port Huron while a committee of Grayling planners watched. The local contingent had been developing the proposal since 1997.

Prior to putting his signature on the plan, Cool said, "This is a textbook example of how local planners and the DNR should be working together to obtain non-essential state land for local economic growth."

Cool's decision, he said, was partly a result of the fact that 80% of Grayling Township's 178-square miles is under public ownership, with only 50 acres of private land available for industrial job development.

Under the covenants of the growth management agreement, individual parcels of land in Grayling Township, north of Four Mile Road, will be offered for commercial or industrial sale once pre-approval from both the Industrial Development Committee (IDC), of the Grayling Regional Chamber of

Commerce, and the Grayling Township Planning Commission. With their recommendations, the final decision on each individual sale will rest with the members of the Natural Resources Commission.

If all agree, the land will sell within 60 days, bypassing the lengthy auction process that has been the state's standard for sales of its land.

The program is unique in that it will allow local planners the opportunity to reject prospective businesses which may be environmentally harmful or generally unacceptable to the needs of the area. Without local recommendation, those businesses will not be eligible to purchase land in the growth management area.

For those businesses which receive a pos-

itive nod from local officials, parcels of almost any size will be available at a price of fair market value, plus 10 percent. Dollars received from land sales will go toward purchasing more appropriate recreation lands to add to the state's 4,000,000 acre inventory.

The plan originated from the IDC after the city and township adopted a master plan in 1997 to oversee growth in the area. In that master plan, the Four Mile Road land was identified as a prime area for future commercial and industrial growth. The problem facing the committee was that the land was, and still is, owned by the DNR.

Later talks with officials from the DNR's Wildlife, Forest Management, and Real Estate divisions determined that the area in question is not prime recreation area, and

does not fit the DNR mission of preserving quality recreation lands for public use. Thereafter, DNR officials assisted in the development of the growth management proposal.

In 1999, the Grayling Township Planning Commission adopted the plan into local government control.

Five local planners of the group who developed the plan attended the NRC meeting. They included Lynnette Corlew, Chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners; Lynn Porritt-McConnell, local chamber director; David Stephenson and John Patchin of the IDC; and Terry Wright, representing Grayling Township.

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See "Industrial Park expansion..."

## GHS students arrested on spring break trip to Texas

► President of GHS National Honor Society, one other charged with marijuana possession

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Two Grayling High School (GHS) seniors were arrested on April 11 near Austin, Texas for possession of marijuana during a Spring Break vacation.

Seniors Allison Schoen and Heidi Hellebuyck were arrested by a Travis County Sheriff's patrol officer during an 11:30 p.m. traffic stop. The amount of marijuana found was not specified. The two were traveling in a car belonging to Schoen's parents. The car was impounded by the sheriff.

Schoen, who is the president of the National Honor Society at GHS and a 1999 Finalist in the Grayling Junior Miss Competition, was just a week away from her 18th birthday when she was arrested.

In her Junior Miss biography published in the *Crawford County Avalanche* early last year, Schoen

described herself as "involved, respectful and fun to be around." She said she hoped to successfully complete high school and college. An avid dancer, Schoen said she hopes to one day be "Dancer of the Year" and make a career of dancing.

The 17-year old Hellebuyck's name appears on the GHS "B" Honor Roll for the first semester of the 1999-2000 school year.

According to Travis County Sheriff's Department Security Coordinator Mrs. Rodriguez, Schoen and Hellebuyck were taken to Central Booking at the Travis County Jail in downtown Austin after they were arrested.

They were then transported to Delvalle Jail outside of the city limits. Delvalle is just one of three jails in the Austin area. "The county jail is more of a maximum security jail," said Rodriguez. "That's why the girls were moved there."

Schoen and Hellebuyck were arraigned in Austin Municipal Court on April 12 on the drug possession charges.

Each posted a \$750 cash bond and were released on April 14. The vehicle was released from impound for an undisclosed amount.

The pair is expected to return to Austin for future court appearances.

## Easter Bunny makes early visit

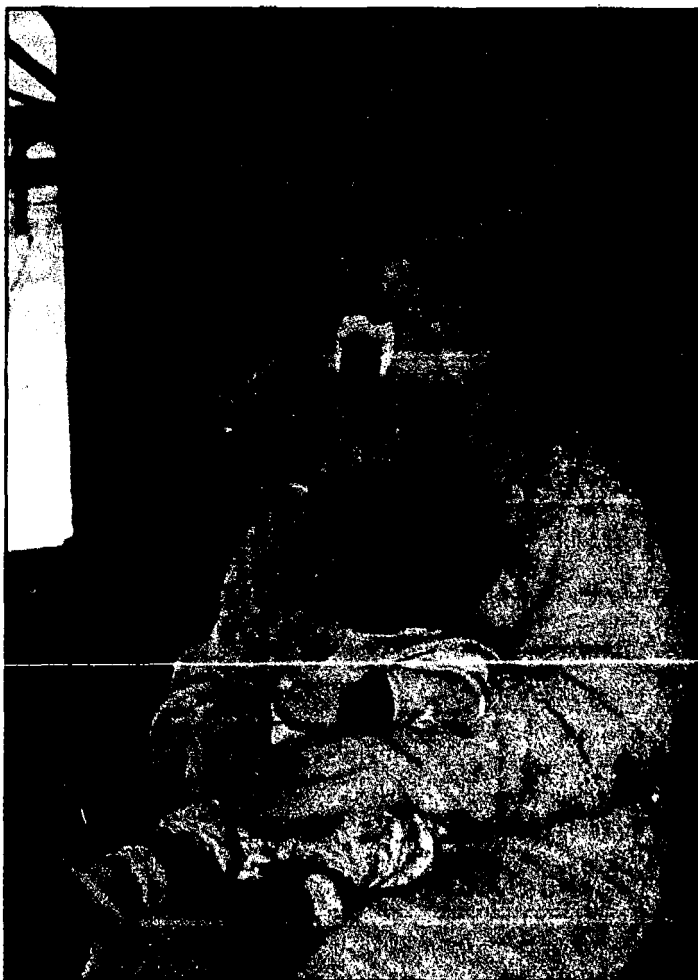


Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Molly Kay Leslie poses for a picture with the Easter Bunny last Saturday at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Hundreds of kids attended festivities that included breakfast with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt.

## City to reconsider part of sidewalk program

► Retaining wall, sidewalk at Ottawa hill may be removed from plans

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Plans for constructing a retaining wall and sidewalk along a portion of Ottawa, part of the city's 2000 sidewalk and street program, may be changed.

City resident Tom Wellman, who lives in the area of the proposed construction, recommended the city council rethink plans for the retaining wall and sidewalk at the hill on Ottawa during the council's most recent meeting. The council agreed

to look into the matter.

(The hill is considered a potential safety concern, since it is near the street and neighborhood children use it for sledding in the winter. To put a sidewalk in at the location, a retaining wall would have to be put in too, since the sidewalk construction would require cutting into the bank. City Manager Allen Lowe said, so the wall was really an engineering issue. Lowe hoped the retaining wall and sidewalk might also help remedy the safety problem involving sledders.)

At the city council's April 10 meeting, Wellman explained that the retaining wall would have to be several feet high to do the job, and

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See "City to reconsider part..."

## Commissioners to seek re-election

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Near the close of Committee meetings held on April 14, members of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners made it official -- every member will run for re-election in the August 8 Primary Election.

All are Republicans, except for Vice Chair Elizabeth "Beth" Wieland of District 5, who is a Democrat. The commissioners hope to catch their parties' district primary win in order to serve two more

years if they win in November.

The Republicans on the board are Commissioners Harold "Tike" Golinick - District 1; Scott Hanson - District 2; Shelley Pinkelman - District 3; Chairperson Lynnette Corlew - District 4; and Terry Beardslee - District 6.

Also running for re-election at the County level are Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, Treasurer Joseph Wakeley, Sheriff David Lovely and Prosecutor John Huss. The only opposition to file thus far is Tim Coe who is running for Sheriff.

**The Crawford County Avalanche office will be closed from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on April 21 in observance of Good Friday**

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M or F  
For Adults - Yes! I would like to coach soccer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assist. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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my child in the care of a qualified doctor or nurse.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
For more information about Spring Soccer and other programs offered by GRA at Hanson Hills call 517-348-9266

## Work planned for worn out Old Lake Road

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

It's been about 30 years since any  
major work has been done on Old  
Lake Road in Grayling Township,  
but that is all about to change.

After two public hearings, a special  
assessment district has been  
approved for resurfacing the portion  
of Old Lake Road from M-72  
through the Karen Woods  
Subdivision residential area. A  
complete rebuilding of the road will  
take place from just past Karen  
Woods to M-93.

In addition to the road work, a  
recreational path will be built along-  
side the road as part of a developing  
pathway system. The path would  
have been built regardless of any  
road work. The Grayling Township  
Board of Trustees agreed to work  
jointly with the Pathways  
Committee and the Road  
Commission for Crawford County  
in order to take advantage of cost-  
splitting of the project, estimated to  
cost \$154,525.

In the cost split, the Road  
Commission will pay half of the  
cost. Grayling Township will pay  
one-quarter and one-quarter will be  
paid for through the special assess-  
ment levied on property situated on  
Old Lake Road or that must use the  
road as an ingress and egress. Each  
property owner will pay an average  
of \$30 per year for ten years.

Work may begin as early as this  
summer.

## County Board appoints seven to Compensation Committee

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

To remove themselves from set-  
ting their own rate of pay, the  
Crawford County Board of  
Commissioners have appointed  
seven members of the community  
to a newly created Compensation  
Committee.

The Committee will be responsi-  
ble for researching pay and duties  
of elected positions at the county  
level in neighboring and like com-  
munities. It will then make recom-  
mendations to the County Board on  
the basis of those findings, the  
board having the final say.

By law, County Board members  
nominate and appoint seven mem-  
bers of the community to the  
Compensation Committee serving  
staggered four year terms. Because  
the committee is in its inaugural  
year, members will serve anywhere  
from one year to four.

For a person to be eligible to  
serve on the board one must not be  
affiliated in any way with any form  
of government. The law advises  
members be part of the business  
community or well-versed in  
employment issues.

The Compensation Committee  
will also set the salaries of the fol-  
lowing elected county positions:  
Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer,  
Sheriff and Prosecutor.

The Committee may only be  
resolved by a referendum brought  
forward by the people.

Members appointed are: one year  
- Don Schanz, Lynn McConnell;  
two years - George Stancil, Mark  
Hartman; three years - Eugene  
"Bert" Kaiser, Brian Dunkley; and  
four years - Craig Hinkle.



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Well-traveled and worn out, Old Lake Road (running from M-72 just west of Grayling,  
through the Karen Woods Subdivision area to M-93) is scheduled for a facelift. Part of  
the road will be resurfaced, part rebuilt. A recreational path will parallel the new road.

## Hatchery committee meets grant deadline

County pledge big help but local matching funds still needed

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The steering committee for the  
Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration  
Project met the April 1 deadline to  
apply for a \$448,000-plus Clean  
Michigan Initiative grant. They did  
it with donations and pledges from  
the community and a commitment  
from the Crawford County Board of  
Commissioners.

As the April 1 deadline neared,  
the steering committee found them-  
selves short of their local matching  
funds goal. Committee Chairman  
Pat Merrill approached the County  
Board for help and they agreed to  
pledge whatever remaining funds  
are needed in order to secure the  
grant.

"We would be foolish to lose the  
chance to receive this amount of  
grant money for such a worthwhile  
project," said County Board Vice  
Chair Beth Wieland at their March  
regular meeting.

The Board agreed to pledge  
\$38,250 to the project with the stip-  
ulation that the steering committee  
continue on their fund raising cam-  
paign for matching funds to gradu-  
ally decrease the county's obliga-  
tion. Merrill reports the county's  
commitment has already been  
decreased by \$2,000 in donations.

The committee has come up with  
many ways to raise funds, two of  
which will appeal to those who  
want to help, but have little means.  
First, the "Fish Banks" have been  
set back out in local businesses.  
Pocket change and dollar bills  
deposited into the banks go directly  
to the project.

The second fund raiser won't cost  
the public a cent and helps the envi-  
ronment. Merrill, who also serves  
as the County's Environmental  
Monitor, is distributing postage-  
paid mailers to area businesses,  
organizations and individuals in  
order that they may send their

empty and ready-to-be-discarded  
ink jet and laser jet cartridges away  
for recycling.

"All you have to do is pick up one  
of these free bags, open it, pop in  
the used cartridge, seal it, and drop  
it in the mail box," said Merrill. For  
each cartridge recycled through this  
program, the Fish Hatchery Project  
will receive \$1 or \$3, depending on  
the cartridge.

"By using this recycling program  
you not only make a donation to the  
project to rebuild a historic site,"  
Merrill said, "you keep the used car-  
tridges out of the landfill."

To pick up some postage paid  
recycling mailer bags, call Merrill at  
344-3258. He will also be able to  
answer any questions about the pro-  
ject. Comments are also welcome.

Anyone wishing to make a dona-  
tion to the project may send it to:  
Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration  
Project, P.O. Box 1128, Grayling  
MI 49738.

## MEAP testing begins next week at GHS

The State of Michigan MEAP  
High School Tests will be given at  
Grayling High School beginning  
Monday, April 24, and continuing  
through May 5.

The MEAP tests are given to stu-  
dents in the junior class, and cover  
the subject areas of mathematics,  
reading, writing, science and social  
studies.

Students will have the opportuni-  
ty to earn endorsements in the vari-  
ous subjects: per the Department of  
Education, "students who score  
highly on the test have demon-  
strated achievement of valued and rig-  
orous knowledge and skills."

Students also have the opportuni-  
ty to earn a Michigan Merit Award,  
a scholarship worth \$2,500.

"It is impressive how well stu-  
dents at Grayling High School have  
been performing on the state test,"  
said Lynn Thompson of the GHS  
counseling department. "94.2% of  
last year's juniors earned endorse-  
ments in writing, 93.9% in science,  
87.8% in reading, 88% in math, and  
70% in social studies -- scoring well  
above state averages on all tests."

The Class of 2000 was the first  
graduating class to be eligible for  
the Michigan Merit Award. The  
Department of Treasury said earlier  
this year that "about a third of  
Michigan test-takers from the Class  
of 2000 are expected to receive the  
scholarship" (Detroit Free Press,  
April 4, 2000).

"Of 135 test-takers in Grayling  
High School's Class of 2000, 51%  
earned the Merit Award," comment-  
ed Thompson.

The April 2000 MEAP Test  
schedule is as follows:

- April 24 - Reading test (80  
mins.) - 2nd & 3rd hours in class-  
rooms;
- April 25 - Writing test, Part I (35  
mins.) - 2nd hour in classrooms;
- April 26 - Writing test, Part II  
(85 mins.) - 2nd and 3rd hours in  
classrooms;
- April 27 - Mathematics test (80  
mins.) 1st and 2nd hours in class-  
rooms;
- April 28 - Test make-up day,  
Reading and Writing only - 2nd  
through 4th hours in the Media  
Center;

- May 1 - Social Studies, Part I  
(60 mins.) - 5th & 6th hours in  
classrooms;

- May 2 - Social Studies, Part II  
(50 mins.) 5th & 6th hours in class-  
rooms;

- May 3 - Science (80 mins.) - 5th  
& 6th hours in classrooms;

- May 4 - Test make-up day,  
Mathematics and Science - 2nd  
through 4th hours in the Media  
Center; and

- May 5 - Test make-up day,  
Social Studies - 2nd through 4th  
hours in the Media Center.

Anyone with any questions con-  
cerning the MEAP test should call  
the GHS counseling office.

## Merrill appointed to County ZBA

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

After receiving recommendation  
from the county's Personnel and  
Labor Committee, Patrick Merrill  
was appointed to a seat on the  
Crawford County Zoning Board of  
Appeals (ZBA).

Merrill was interviewed by the  
committee on March 9 and appoint-  
ed by the County Board at their  
March 15 regular meeting. His  
appointment became effective  
March 20.

The commissioners cited  
Merrill's knowledge of ordinances  
and environmental issues as reason  
for their choice. He was the only  
one to apply.

Merrill replaces Kenneth  
Lademan who, according to the  
county's ZBA rules has served the  
limit of terms allowed. Merrill's  
term ends December 31, 2003.

The County Board has requested  
a legal opinion from Prosecutor  
John Huss to learn whether the  
ZBA can increase the size of its  
board from three to five members  
without amending the zoning ordi-  
nance.

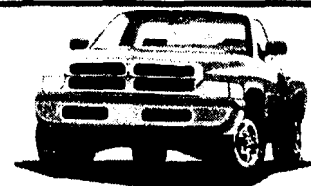
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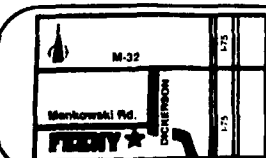
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Wednesday: Bible study .....7:00  
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# Frederic plans park improvements

► New gazebo, more fencing, and paved track included in the four projects

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Four improvement projects involving the Betty Sajdak Memorial Park in Frederic were approved by the Frederic Township Board last week.

The projects, to be completed this year, include: 1) constructing a paved pathway around the park; 2) building a gazebo in the park; 3) fencing off the top portion of the park; and 4) purchasing and planting about \$200 worth of flowers for the park.

The new gazebo, which will be octagonal in shape, will measure 16 feet in width. The Grayling High School Building Trades class will build the structure, which will be located near the front/center area of the park.

The new 10-foot wide paved pathway will be installed by project low-bidder Rieth-Riley. Rieth-Riley will be reconstructing a portion of Old 27 (from M-93 north to Hulbert Road) this summer, and will do the

park pathway construction as a "squeeze-in project," said Frederic Township Trustee Mike Girard.

"What Betty (Sajdak) really wanted was a paved pathway around the park for kids to rollerblade and skate on," said Park Advisory Board Chair Rosie Owens.

Frederic Township created the Park Advisory Board last year, and a master plan has been created to help guide the park improvement process. The park was commemorated in honor of Sajdak, a former township trustee, last year. (The township plans to eventually conduct an official dedication, though a date has not yet been set.)

The four park improvement projects approved by the township board on April 11 were at the top of the advisory board's "wish list," part of the park master plan.

The projects will cost an estimated \$14,000. About \$2,500 of the money will come from Betty Sajdak memorial donations.

The township will also use \$5,000 generated from the recent sale of a piece of township land to help with the cost of the park projects. (The land, located adjacent to the library, was donated several years ago by what was then Grayling State Bank.)

On April 11, Girard moved to

approve the four projects on the Park Advisory Board's "wish list" and include the \$5,000 from the land sale in the fund to pay for the projects. After a second by Trustee Karen Bindschattel, the Board approved the motion 5-0.

Also, the Board decided to have the park pavilion removed. Board members felt the structure poses a safety issue, and wouldn't be needed after the new gazebo is constructed.

Park Advisory Board members

plan to keep some of the pavilion's wood pieces, which have numerous names carved into them. The advisory board hopes to keep the wood for display in the park somewhere near the gazebo. Board members also plan to put a new board near the gazebo specifically for people to carve into.

At the Frederic Board meeting, Girard moved to have the pavilion removed "as early as convenient."

The board approved the motion 5-0.

## City to reconsider part of sidewalk program

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would likely be a target for unwanted "painting."

Wellman said that kids have been sliding on the hill during the winter for decades, and he wasn't necessarily in favor of trying to stop them. Wellman didn't think putting in the wall and sidewalk would stop people from sledding at the location.

He recommended the city consider putting two more stop signs in the area so motorists would be forced to pause, allowing them time to see the sledders and avoid potential safety

problems.

In closing, Wellman suggested the city not put a sidewalk or wall on the Ottawa hill.

Councilman Jerry Hayes agreed. Hayes said he was familiar with the area, and thought it would be better not to have a sidewalk installed there. He recommended the other council members look at the site.

The city council members agreed to inspect the area and possibly change the sidewalk program plans to omit the sidewalk and retaining wall at Ottawa.

## Youth Boosters looking for help with Jamfest 2000

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Doug Hinkle is looking for a few good men... and women... and kids to volunteer for and participate in the first-ever basketball tournament to be sponsored solely by the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

"This is our first attempt at something like this. We usually have a main sponsor like Red Hacker or Gus Macker. This time, we're on our own," Hinkle said.

Planning and organization of Jamfest 2000 has been completed, but Hinkle, who serves as the club's President, said he needs more help with the actual event and is looking to club members for support.

"This is membership month for the Youth Boosters," he said. "Only 97 of 650 members have paid this year's dues."

About 900 kids are expected to register for the 3-on-3 indoor basketball tournament to be held at Grayling area schools during the weekend of May 20-21. There will be five age groups in each of the Boys and Girls Divisions, ranging from eight to 19 years old. There is room for 15 teams in each age division bracket.

"I can use all the help I can get with concessions, parking and game officiating," said Hinkle. He hopes the lack of membership response has just been an oversight by many

and members will step forward to make Jamfest 2000 a success.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club raises money through various activities to support, enhance and promote wholesome activities for Crawford County youths. Hinkle said he got involved to keep family tradition going. His parents were also active members of the GYBC.

In 1999, the Boosters donated about \$50,000 to local programs and activities. In the 27 years of the club's existence it has raised and donated over \$800,000.

Hinkle said that although their main focus is on organized sports, they also help with other activities that provide opportunities for area

kids. They have been instrumental in providing playground equipment for the Frederic Township Park, the Grayling Co-op Pre-School, as well as the basketball court in the Grayling City Park.

Anyone interested in helping with Jamfest 2000 and/or becoming a member of the Grayling Youth Booster Club should call Doug Hinkle at 348-5214. Evenings only, please.

Those interested in registering for Jamfest 2000 must register by May 9. For registration information, call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 348-2921.

## Industrial Park expansion gets green light

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(Other members of the IDC are Char Fry, Dan Nally, Phil Lewis, Donna Masker, Allen Lowe, Joe Swain, John Alef, Keith Kenney, Lee Riley, Monte Burmeister, Pat Merrill, and Scott Hanson.)

The group made a 25-minute presentation on local community development needs, followed by a two-hour discussion by NRC members and director Cool.

The only opposition to the plan came from Keith Schneider, director of the Benzie-based Michigan Land Use Institute. Schneider said the plan sets a new precedent for land transfers and will open the door for every community to request public lands.

In response, Cool replied that every community is already requesting land, "but this proposal is the first which shows professional planning. This is the way it should always be done."

According to Porritt-McConnell, the implementation of the plan may lead to the location or expansion of several businesses within the next few months. "We've already had inquiries from several businesses. I think they are seriously considering this location," she said. "This agreement came after a lot of long, hard work by a lot of people, but now we're finally in the position of not having to turn away good jobs because there is no room."

Wright said two companies are currently waiting to present their business plans to the Industrial Development Committee. Both are light industrial in nature. "We will not allow 'smokestack' companies into the area," he said.

One criteria a new or expanding business in the growth management area that must be met is good pay and benefits. "We are looking for quality employers with good jobs," said Wright. "These will not be minimum wage jobs."

IDC Chairman David Stephenson said he is proud to be a part of a plan that is the first in the state of its kind. "Thirty years from now, if some of the area is not developed it

will still be untouched and in the hands of the state," he said. "The plan is so impressive it has been used for guidelines in a meeting in Oregon. There are too many industrial parks that have not developed well because of poor planning."

Stephenson is looking for networking between the schools, the proposed Kirtland Community College technical training center and employers to provide opportunities for the existing Crawford County work force. "We are networking to help get the local young men and women ready for these jobs and rejuvenate the older workers to get them knowledgeable and comfortable with today's technology."

The chairman said Crawford residents interested in the new potential job market will have to take steps to better their skills or learn new skills if they are looking to improve their way of life.

Stephenson is also looking for local realtors and developers to be ready to provide housing for those

who relocate to the area. "As we increase the job market, we will need to provide housing for the work force," Stephenson said.

"It was the involvement of people throughout the community that made this happen," said Stephenson, who added there are too many to name and was afraid he would leave someone out. He did, however, say that Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock played an important role in the success of the plan.

Porritt-McConnell said there are currently plans under way to develop a long-term strategy of placing utility and infrastructure needs throughout the growth management area. She said the strategy will include roads, water, sewer, gas, electric and fiber optics. The property is intersected by a rail line of the Lakes State Railroad.

Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryl Ruley contributed to this article, submitted by the IDC.

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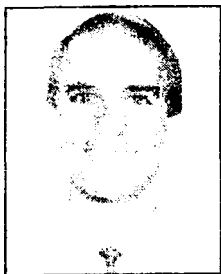
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

# Capital is a national treasure

There's nothing like a visit to our nation's capital to stir the old American pride.

I was in Washington DC last week, my first visit in more than two decades.

No, I was not part of the World Bank protest.

Every spring, the National Newspaper Association invites newspaper folks from all over the country to descend on our nation's capital. There they are asked to visit their state Representatives and Senators and educate them on the burning issues facing our business this year.

Also on the agenda are briefings and presentations by some of those in leadership roles in our country.

The agenda this year included Tipper Gore, Rep. J.C. Watts, Sen. Trent Lott, Sen. Tom Daschle, James Rubin, Pat Buchanan and Sen. Gordon Smith, to name a few.

I found the presentations to be interesting -- for the most part -- while seeming to prefer the more "off the cuff" types over the prepared speeches.

The subjects ranged from the death tax to US foreign policy to political polling to why you should vote for my husband.

Some of the most interesting comments came not as topics but as tidbits.

Tipper Gore, in speaking of her husband's career before politics (the Vice President was a journalist before he went on to law

school):

"Al never did finish that third year of law school. Depending on how things go, he might have to go back and do that some day soon."

J.C. Watts, on why he wants to repeal the inheritance tax:

"Folks say that repealing the 'death tax' is only going to help people like Bill Gates. But it won't help Bill Gates at all. He'll be dead."

Senate Majority leader Trent Lott on the economy:

"We are living in the best economic times in history. Some people say that Bill and Al should get all the credit for the economy. And I agree. Bill Gates and Al Greenspan have done more for our economy than any elected official."

I also found it interesting that the Republican Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Gordon Smith, would give almost the same speech as James Rubin. State Department Assistant Secretary Public Affairs. Both spoke of America's leadership role in the world and the responsibilities that go with that role. Both called our diplomatic corps the first line of defense. Both point out that foreign affairs spending makes up only one percent of the federal budget. Interesting.

Beyond the briefings and presentations, our Michigan delegation was able to meet

with six of our elected officials or members of their staff. Hopefully now, Reps. Fred Upton, John Dingell, Peter Hoekstra, Debbie Stabenow, Nick Smith and Sen. Carl Levin know the hot issues facing the newspaper industry this year.

But even beyond all the politics and the positioning, there is the city. Our schedule allowed for plenty of time for touring. But in a city like our nation's capital, there is never enough time.

We never set foot in the Smithsonian Institute. I missed the National Archives and the Art Museum. We saw one portion of the Zoo. The National Cathedral looked down on us from high on a hill, but we never got close.

We also got as close to the White House as behind the fence looking at the police armored vehicles in front of the cement barricades which block the wrought iron fence. It seems that the police were preparing for that weekend's demonstrations and had cordoned off access to our president's house -- bought and paid for by taxpayers like you and me, remember. There was a two block perimeter in all directions, except the one peeking spot we found across the street in Lafayette Park. Everywhere else, the signs clearly said "Keep Out."

So I'm saying those locations for the next visit.

But also next time, there are so many

places I want to see again.

The Capitol is a fabulous structure. Its symbolism is awe inspiring. One glimpse of that stark white rotunda and you know exactly where you are: the seat of democracy. The capital of the free world.

The history that has been made in the Supreme Court. The beauty of the Library of Congress building, more like a temple or a church than a library.

The size and grandeur of the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. The solemn, simple beauty of the Washington Monument.

The stark white marble that defines so much of the historic construction just adds to the effect in beauty, grandeur and message. We clearly spared no expense in honoring our heroes or providing work environments for our leaders.

There is always the history. The eternal flame at the Kennedy family gravesite, with the surrounding low walls containing some of the famous J.F.K. quotations. Clearly, they don't write them like that anymore.

The silent honor given at the tomb of the unknown soldier. The message of the Two Jima memorial. So much lost to raise our flag of freedom.

The newest monuments have their messages, too. I was struck and speechless at the Vietnam Memorial. Black, dark, simple. The names of those we lost go on forever. The memorial does not stand joyous and

stark white like so many other sites. It is a dark reminder of a dark time. It is perfect.

The Korean Memorial seems lost in its message. A mix of soldier statues, faded images on a wall and running water again seem appropriate to remember a war few understood.

The memorial to President Franklin Roosevelt seems to go on forever -- much like his presidency. It begins with images of the Great Depression and ends with his wife, standing alone. Between are granite blocks, water passing like time and the quotes of a man who was our leader for longer than any other. Clearly, they don't write them like that anymore.

My recommendation to all is to visit our nation's capital. See where we came from. Remember what was sacrificed to allow us the freedoms we take for granted today. Visit the places where our history was made.

It will make you look at our flag a whole lot differently.

*Richard Milliman is on vacation. His column is being written in his absence by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling Marshall and Three Rivers.*

## VIEWPOINT

# Gas tax 'Holiday' bad election year policy

Michigan motorists will pay the price in the end

The political winds are blowing in Washington, bringing several proposals to lessen the impact of the nation's fuel shortage on consumers. Those proposals don't bode well for the motoring public in states around the country, including Michigan.

The policy flavor-of-the-month is one that would put the 4.3-cent federal excise tax on motor fuel on a "holiday." That proposal is rapidly moving from being a mere possibility to being a legislative probability as the election-year gears grind into motion, starting with aggressive maneuvering by Senator Trent Lott (R-Mississippi).

On Sunday, March 26, he announced on NBC's *Meet the Press* that he would be advocating legislative action on suspending the 4.3-cent tax until January 1, 2001. He is also calling for a suspension of the entire 18.4-cent federal tax on motor fuel should the national aver-

age at the pump hit two dollars.

What Washington is failing to talk about is how little savings to consumers will actually be -- in the case of the 4.3-cent excise tax, approximately \$26 per year for a person who drives an average of 12,000 miles in a car getting 20 miles-per-gallon.

They have also failed to tell the motoring public the true price they'll pay in the end: Michigan stands to lose \$161 million this fiscal year if the 4.3-cent excise tax is cut, and over \$700 million over the next two fiscal years if the entire federal tax is suspended. That equates to 15 to 30 percent of Michigan's annual transportation budget.

In recent years Michigan has enjoyed much-needed improvements in the infrastructure. Michigan's road funding mechanism is tied strongly to the federal transportation funding system, oth-

erwise known as TEA-21.

TEA-21 was overwhelmingly approved in 1998 by elected officials in Washington and it directly linked annual federal highway funding to the states to incoming Highway Trust Fund revenue, part of which are derived from motor fuel tax revenues.

TEA-21 did what was a long time coming and a nod to the macroeconomic importance of infrastructure: it specifically dedicated money for road building and maintenance.

The statistics are there; according to the US Department of Transportation 12,000 deaths occur annually on our nation's roads that are directly attributable to poor road conditions.

Yet, when push comes to shove in an election year, the nation's funding mechanism for decreasing that statistic has become the figurative policy whipping boy.

Senator Lott claims that moneys lost from federal taxes on fuel can be replaced with a purported general fund surplus, but the jury is still out in Washington as to whether or not a surplus even exists. Recent meetings in Washington have also aired the reality that a 4.3-cent decrease at the federal level may not

even be passed along to consumers.

The fact is, fuel prices are demand-driven, and cutting a small tax at the federal level could prove to be a futile exercise.

The point must be made that putting user fees for our nation's roads on a "holiday" sets a dangerous precedent that in an election year anything goes and policy makers can randomly slash dedicated funds. With the results from this year's election months away, and majority not a decided factor for either chamber of the legislature, wouldn't it be making a grand assumption that those taxes would easily be reinstated in a timely manner?

Maybe Washington should set aside superficial election year politicking and come together in a fiscally responsible statement to OPEC: our tax money defends your soil, and Uncle Sam won't be footing this bill for you. It is time to demand that OPEC bring the price of oil back down to a reasonable level.

*Bob Patzer is Executive Director of AUC, a Lansing-based trade group representing Michigan's heavy construction industry.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number

must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

# STORM SAFETY AND POWER OUTAGE TIPS

With the arrival of the storm season, Great Lakes Energy offers these tips to help Michigan families weather possible power outages and other storm hazards:

- Stay away from fallen power lines and anything they touch.
- If a power line falls on your car, stay in the vehicle if possible until help arrives.
- Report all downed wires immediately to Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-GT-LAKES (1-888-485-2537).
- Prepare a storm kit now containing candles, matches, canned food, can opener, battery-operated radio, fresh batteries, first-aid kit and bottled water.
- Seek safe shelter, preferably indoors, during a storm.
- Unless it's an emergency,

don't use the phone during a storm because lightning can travel through phone lines.

- Don't bathe, shower or swim during a storm.
- Preserve food as long as possible during an outage by only opening refrigerators and freezers when absolutely necessary.
- Turn off lights and unplug appliances and electronic equipment to prevent surge damage when the power comes back on. Leave on one light switch to know when power has been restored.
- Use extreme caution when operating a generator. Refer to the owner's manual or call a licensed electrician. It is highly recommended that a licensed electrician be contracted when installing a generator.

# EDITOR

## Sending the record straight

To the editor,

I wish to correct a rumor that was propagated through a letter to the editor in the April 13 issue of the *Avalanche*.

The letter asked us to contact the Federal Communications Commission regarding a hearing granted to Madeline Murray O'Hair's organization for the purpose of removing from broadcast media any program that use the name God. The author also referenced petition number 2493 as the suspect document.

I received this same rumor last October through e-mail. I inquired with the FCC as to the validity of the rumor. Let me quote to you from the FCC's reply:

"A rumor has been circulating since 1975 that Madalyn Murray O'Hair proposed that the FCC consider limiting or banning religious programming. This rumor is not true. It also has been circulated that Ms. O'Hair was granted an FCC hearing to discuss that proposal. This too is untrue.

"There is no federal law or regulation that gives the FCC the authority to prohibit radio and television stations from presenting religious programs. Actually, the

Communications Act prohibits the FCC from censoring broadcast material and interfering with freedom of speech in broadcasting."

With regards to petition number 2493, it was indeed a petition filed by Jeremy D. Lansman and Lorenzo W. Milan in 1974. They had asked, among other things, that the FCC inquire into operating practices of stations licensed to religious organizers. Petition number 2493 was denied by the FCC on August 1, 1975. The FCC explained at that time that it is required by the First Amendment, "To observe a stance of neutrality toward religion, acting neither to promote nor inhibit religion."

I do not know the gentleman who wrote the letter to the *Avalanche*, but I trust his heart was in the right place. Even so, I am disappointed at the irresponsibility of neglecting to verify the facts before alarming readers and calling for an organized protest.

I encourage your readers to contact the FCC to verify the facts regarding this rumor. I wrote the FCC through e-mail at FCCIN-FO@fcc.gov.

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# BRIEFS

## Church offers Messianic Seder Dinner

Grayling Baptist Church, located at 705 Madsen Street in Grayling, will be hosting a Messianic Seder Dinner at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 20. Reservations are required. Call 348-2557. Also, Grayling Baptist Church, along with Grayling Assembly of God, and Abundant Life Tabernacle will be holding a joint Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

## Brad Paisley and The Kinleys to perform

Brad Paisley and special guest stars, The Kinleys, will perform at the Wexford County Civic Center Thursday, June 1 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. All tickets are general admission. Floor seating is \$18 and bleacher seats are \$16. In Cadillac, tickets are available at the Cadillac News Center, the Civic Center's Pro Shop and in Traverse City, tickets are on sale at the WTCM office. For more information or to order tickets by credit card, call (231) 779-9520.

## KCC reading series continues with poet

The Kirtland Community College Winter 2000 Controlled Burn Reading Series will present its final program of the season on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Center on campus. Poet and editor Richard Foerster will be reading from his four collections of poetry, including 1999's *Trillium* as well as *Patterns of Descent*. Beside being an award-winning poet, Foerster also edits the nationally-acclaimed journal, *Chelsea*. The reading will be preceded by a 4 p.m. question and answer session in Room 5 of the Kirtland Academic Building. For more information, call (517) 275-5000.

## Grayling Township hosts traffic seminar

Grayling Township will host a comprehensive seminar to discuss the need and methods of developing traffic access management plans. The seminar will be held in the conference room of the township hall on Monday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A representative from MDOT and Lansing-based Planning and Zoning Center will lead the discussion. The seminar will be of most interest to community planners, zoning officials, developers, county, city and township board members, business organizations and recreational planners. Cost is \$5 to cover lunch expenses. Register by contacting the Grayling Township Hall at 348-4361. Checks should be made payable to Grayling Township and mailed to P.O. Box 521, Grayling MI 49738.

## Project Graduation hosts pancake supper

Project Graduation is hosting a pancake supper at the Lone Pine Restaurant on Monday, April 24, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person. Children under age five eat free. All proceeds go toward providing a safe and fun night of activities for the Class of 2000 graduates.

## Ecumenical Good Friday service offered

An Ecumenical Good Friday service will be hosted by Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church (located on Michigan Avenue in Grayling) on Friday, April 21 at 12 noon. Sponsored by the AuSable Ministerial Association, the service will be divided into three half-hour segments, reflecting on the "Journey through the Passion." Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Karen Henderlong at 348-0470.

## Help Center will be open on Good Friday

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center will be open on Good Friday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Skate Park plans grand opening

Hanson Hills Skate Park will hold its grand opening Saturday, April 22 beginning at 1 p.m. There will be live music and competitions for skateboarders and rollerbladers in divisions for ages eight and up. Entry into the competition is \$10 per person and a release form signed by parents is required. First and second place winners will be awarded in each division. For more information, call Hanson Hills at 348-9266.

## Lifetime memberships available

The Friends of the Crawford County Library have announced that they are offering lifetime memberships in the Friends for \$100 during the months of April and May as part of their annual membership drive.

The Friends of the Crawford County Library is a support group for the Library that holds the annual book sales and supports other needs of the Library.

Regular membership is \$10 per year and this is an opportunity to become a lifetime member for just \$100.

Life membership payment can be sent to The Friends of the Crawford County Library, 100 S. James St., Grayling, MI 49738.

For more information, call Barbara Spasoff at 275-5727 or Shirley Schmoeck at 348-5132.

## GRA spring soccer season begins soon

The new soccer fields at Hanson Hills have grown in beautifully and are ready to play on for the 2000 spring season.

The spring soccer season begins on April 29 and play will continue for six weeks on Saturday mornings.

Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) emphasizes fun and learning in programming, trying to discourage competition as a goal.

GRA soccer is played at Hanson Hills and is not a traveling program. Leagues are organized for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten- First,

Second-Third and Fourth-Sixth.

Late registrations will be accepted until April 29 and the cost is \$30 per player plus \$8 for a uniform. The GRA reversible jersey can be worn for all GRA programs except basketball.

Also, the Hungry Tummy Submarine Sandwich Fundraiser that benefits the soccer program will begin on April 29. Subs are only \$3.95 each and will be delivered on Saturday, May 20.

For more information, call Hanson Hills at 348-9266.

## Amicare offers grief support

Having problems dealing with the loss of a loved one or the feeling of loss due to a divorce?

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice will be changing their community support groups to a six-week focus group model concentrating on education of the grief process. The dates and times the groups will meet are:

May 11 - Overview of Grief Process;

May 18 - The Stages of Grief;

May 25 - Emotions Associated in Times of Grief;

June 1 - Helping Yourself in Times of Grief;

## Harmonie Meisters entertain Lions

The "Harmonie Meisters" all-male barber shop chorus from Gaylord, were in concert Friday night, April 14 at the Lions International meeting held in the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Numerous selections were performed in the true tradition of the acappella style, singing synonymous to barber shop music.

Chorus director Marlyn Bird said, "No concert is complete until the

June 8 - Readjustment, Reorganization, Grief as a Spiritual Experience; and

June 15 - Looking Ahead, Hopes, Plans and Expectations.

All meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Learning Center, Classroom #3, 708 Peninsular Street in Grayling.

There is no charge for this program and it is open to all who have lost a loved one through death or divorce.

For more information contact the Amicare office at (517) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

## Reading Contest winners announced

During March, a "Reading Contest" was sponsored by Grayling High School's Media Center. This marked the fourth year for this annual event.

To enter, students were required to read a fiction book of their reading level or higher. Then, a written or oral book report had to be submitted to the students' language arts teachers.

This year there were 44 entries. A drawing was held on March 30. Alexandria Pomeroy won the first place prize of a \$30 gift certificate to Horizon Books in Traverse City. Scott Latusek won the second place prize of a one-year magazine subscription.

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### St. Francis Episcopal Church

**Maundy Thursday:** Seder Supper, 6:30 pm

**Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm

**Saturday Easter Vigil:** 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Worship Service, 10:30 am

### Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

**Maundy Thursday:** 7 pm

**Good Friday:** 7 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Services, 8 am and 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast between services

### St. Mary's Catholic Church

**Maundy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8 pm - Midnight

**Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Lord's Death, 1 pm

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil Mass, 9:30 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Resurrection of the Lord Mass, 10 am

### Michelson Memorial United

#### Methodist Church

**Maundy Thursday:** Communion, 7 pm

**Good Friday:** Ecumenical Service, 12 noon-1:30 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Services, 8:30 am and 11 am

Easter Breakfast, 9:45 am

### Grayling Assembly of God

**Easter Sunday:** Resurrection Celebration, 9 am

Morning Worship, 10 am

Combined Choirs singing 'God with Us', 6 pm

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# The Bible Speaks

## The Sodomy War

We told you about the first highly controversial pro-homosexual video It's Elementary, intended as a primer for teachers to help them persuade children that homosexuality is normal and natural. Now the sequel will be larger and more to the point: That's A Family! Kicks off a three-video series that will be shown directly to children in classrooms across the country, shamelessly attempting to persuade kids that homosexuality should be accepted and affirmed. A letter introducing the video That's A Family! said it is intended to be shown directly to children and is "the first anti-bias media curriculum available for elementary and middle school classrooms that integrates gay people into the full spectrum of diversity."

The video will present to schoolchildren a variety of families, such as adoptive, multi-racial, multi-generational, and step-families. "There also are children with gay dads or lesbian moms, and their stories are intertwined with those of other families," Debra Chasnoff and Helen Cohen said in their fund-raising letter. "The video will be distributed with a comprehensive teaching guide that gives teachers suggestions about classroom activities and books to read that compliment the stories in the video," they said. The second and third videos "will center on dispelling gay and lesbian

stereotypes and offering strategies to deal with anti-gay name-calling."

Chasnoff and Cohen make no secret of the fact that they intend to change children's minds on the subject of homosexuality through these three videos. "The long-term impact of this project will be tremendous. Giving elementary school students the opportunity to...experience gay and lesbian families in the context of such an incredibly diverse group of other families, could have a positive effect on their attitudes for the rest of their lives," they said. They bragged about their "stunning" success so far.

As sodomites seek to actively push sodomy upon innocent children in public schools across America, they fight to silence all opposition. Jerry Falwell recently agreed to stop speaking out publicly against sodomy. A few weeks ago we wrote about columnist Alicia Colon, a conservative writer, who yielded to sodomite attacks and pledged to stop writing against gay rights. Now they are attacking radio personality Laura Schlessinger and trying to get her upcoming national television program canceled. Large ads in *The Examiner*, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Los Angeles Times* say Schlessinger's use of such words as "deviant" and "a biological error" is based on outdated, discredited theories and is doing "real harm, to

real people." Schlessinger has agreed under sodomite pressure to tone down her remarks.

Although we do not agree with Schlessinger's Orthodox Jewish faith, we do agree with the truth of the Holy Scriptures that she uses to promote Judeo-Christian morality across America. Someone has said, "The only thing required for evil to triumph if for good people to do nothing." (Jude 1:7) "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

"Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

## Farm Park needs volunteer teachers

Now that spring is almost here, Wellington Farm Park near Grayling has begun to schedule class visits to the open air museum. Schools from within about an hour's bus ride of the park are scheduling their third grades for an "Introduction to Nature" and their sixth grades for classes in "Environmental Education."

Because of the overwhelming response to their education curriculum, Wellington Farm Park is looking for additional volunteers to assist with the program. Especially needed are those who have had some previous experience working with children. This is a great opportunity for retired teachers.

Volunteers are also needed to handle many of the other tasks about the farm during the busy summer and fall season. It makes no difference how old, or what physical

handicaps you may have, at Wellington Farm Park there is a place for everyone who is willing to give a minimum of two days each month. For those out there who "need to be needed" this is the answer.

In return for their time, Wellington Farm Park provides many "fringe" benefits to its volunteers. Opportunity to learn a new craft, or do things you have always wanted to do but as of yet have not been given the opportunity.

Each summer, volunteers are invited to the Wellington Picnic and in the fall, when the work is done, there is the Volunteer Banquet. Volunteers receive a discount at the

park gift shop and farm market. At the January meeting of the Wellington Farm Folk, one volunteer is selected to receive the Volunteer of the Year Award.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Wellington Farm Park Volunteer Program, please call 1-888-653-3276. Visit their website at [www.wellingtonfarmpark.org](http://www.wellingtonfarmpark.org).

## HONORS

**University of Michigan**

**Brandi McClain**, daughter of Dave and Gayle McClain and a senior at Grayling High School, has been accepted into the University of Michigan's School of Music.

After receiving numerous dance applications, scouts traveled across the United States auditioning potential dance students. The last audition was held in New York City. After reviewing the auditions from across the United States, 35 students were chosen for enrollment.

McClain has also been accepted into U of M's Literature, Science and Arts program where she will study medicine.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Abigail Raine Williams-Jeziorski was born April 3, 2000. She weighed in at 4 pounds, 3.6 ounces and was 17 inches long.

She was welcomed to the world by her parents Curt and Jeannie Jeziorski and her two brothers, Charley Williams and Noah Jeziorski.

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*"When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished'; and he bowed his head and he gave up his spirit."*

**O**r is it the beginning? Yes, salvation is ours because of Christ's crucifixion upon the Cross. We are crucified. When we receive this gift from God how do we begin to draw closer to Him?

We have lessons we must learn before we dwell with God. Having human nature, we, as God's children will learn many lessons the hard way. Sometimes we will actually do it right the first time, following Jesus' example. One way or the other, we will grow in wisdom and in the Spirit through the gift of forgiveness.

God also wants us to spread the spiritual light of love to others as Jesus did. In 1 John 4:16-19, we read... "God is Love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him...there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear...and he who fears is not perfect in love. We love because He first loved us." This message is our daily strength!

We need that strength to fill the sandals of the Man of Galilee. Worship this week and every week. Have a most blessed Easter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 Corinthians 15:12-34	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	Revelation 21:1-8	Revelation 21:9-27

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**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service..... 10:30 am  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday..... 8 pm

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**Pastor Jeffrey Jagers**  
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
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Sunday Worship..... 8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School - Sept. - May : 9:45 to 10:45  
Sunday Radio Ministry... 8 am, 101.1 WQON  
Bible Study (Wed.)..... 10 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
**Pastor Jeff Arthur**  
Phone 517-275-1061  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).

Church Service..... 9:30 am  
Sabbath School..... 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting Tues..... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
**Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278**  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School..... 10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church. 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class..... 7 pm  
Significant Singles Monday..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
**Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor**  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588

Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am  
Evening Service..... 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children..... 7 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
**President Larry A. Cook**  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament..... 10 am  
Sunday School..... 11 am  
Primary..... 11 am  
Priesthood..... 12 noon  
Relief Society..... 12 noon

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
**Pastor, James Briney**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship..... 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
**Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411**  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75

Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship..... 11 am  
Evening Worship..... 6 pm  
Wednesday..... 7 pm

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224

Sunday School..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
Nursery is available

**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
**Pastor Patricia Fowler**  
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.  
P.O. Box 1188

Church School..... 9:45 am  
Preaching..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer..... 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
**Rev. V. Schaap**  
415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship..... 11 am  
Evening Service..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
**Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor**  
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657  
**Sabbath Eucharist**

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 6 pm  
Sunday Masses..... 8:00 am  
Family Mass..... 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays)..... 9:15 am  
Daily Masses..... 8:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays..... 8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
**Pastor Dale Hammond**

Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship..... 11 am  
Evening Worship..... 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study..... 7 pm  
Blessing Radio (Internet)  
<http://blessing-radio.com>

**New Life Ministries**  
**Pastor Jimmie McWatters**  
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room  
517-536-7933 • [jmcwat@freeway.net](mailto:jmcwat@freeway.net)  
Sunday Services..... 11:00 am

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
**Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor**  
M-72 West

Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship..... 6 pm

Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday..... 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)..... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
**Gordon French, Pastor**  
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613

Sunday Classes..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening..... 6 pm

Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study..... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.

Sunday School..... 9 am  
Sunday Service..... 10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
**Pastor Paul Rolfe**  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic

Sunday Worship..... 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service..... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
**Pastor Lyle Studer**  
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325

Sunday School..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship..... 11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening..... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
**Affiliated with S.B.C.**  
**Pastor Terry Colby**  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling

Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557  
Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship..... 11 am  
Evening Service..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service..... 7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
**Pastor Fred Coates**  
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska  
(616) 258-3448

Sunday School..... 10 am  
Worship Service..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday..... 7 pm

**Lowells Chapel**  
**Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey**

Sunday School..... 10 am  
Chapel Service..... 11 am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting..... 7-8 pm

**Free Methodist**  
**Joseph Carpenter - Pastor**  
6652 (M-72 W.) • 348-9093 or 348-5362

Early Service..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School..... 10 am  
Morning Service..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)..... 7 pm

**Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran--Missouri Synod**  
**Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor**  
905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp. • 348-5921 • 348-6504

Sunday Worship..... 8 & 10:30 am  
Sunday School & Bible Study..... 9:15 am  
Tuesday Night School..... 5:30 pm  
Wednesday am Bible Study..... 9 am  
Lenten Services every Wednesday through April 12th..... 7 pm

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
**Rev. Robert Henley**  
M-72 West - Office 348-5850

Sunday Holy Eucharist... 8:30 & 10:30 am  
Morning Praise..... 10:30 am  
(the second Sunday of each month)  
Adult & Children's Sunday School. 9:30 am  
Sunday nursery provided..... 10:30 am  
by Licensed Daycare Professional  
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) • 6:45 pm

**St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)**  
**Herbert R. Filter - Pastor**  
For information call 275-5443  
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center. Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

**Luzerne Baptist**  
**Pastor James Durfee**  
2247 Durfee Lane

Sunday School..... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm

**Unity of Gaylord**  
**Rev Franklin, Minister**  
Otsego Twp. Hall, Waters • (517) 786-3913

Sunday Services..... 10:30 am  
Sunday School..... 10:30 am

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## Lange- Witczak wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Witczak

Pamela Susann Lange and Mark Daniel Witczak, both of Traverse City, exchanged marriage vows October 23, 1999, at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The Rev. George Beaune officiated at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

Jeanne Parkinson of Grayling sister of the bride served as matron of honor. Another sister, Patricia Spleet of Mason, was bridesmaid.

The bride's brother, Richard Lange of Traverse City, served as best man and Richard Ford of Kalkaska was groomsman. Guests were seated by the bride's brother-in-law, Jeffery Parkinson of Grayling, and the groom's brother, Robert Witczak of Manton.

Following an evening reception at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, the couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara Lange of Grayling and the late Raymond Lange. She graduated from Grayling High School and attended Ferris State University and Northwestern Michigan College. She is employed as a customer service representative by Lange Vending.

The groom is the son of Larry and Joal Adams of Manton. He graduated from Forest Area High School and attended Northwestern Michigan College. He is employed by Sara Lee Bakery.

## OBITUARIES

### Ann Marie Hanson

Aug 25, 1912 - Apr 13, 2000

Ann Marie Hanson, 87, of Grayling died Thursday at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Miss Hanson was born in Grayling, the daughter of Walter and Hulda (Carlson) Hanson. She was a life-long resident of Grayling and worked in accounting at the Cornell Insurance Agency for 40 years.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. She enjoyed cooking and knitting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Agnes and Ingeborg.

She is survived by two brothers, George Hanson of Grayling and Bob (Fran) Hanson of Grayling; two nieces, Carol Suttill of South Lyon and Nancy (Jeff) Suttle of West Fargo, North Dakota; two nephews, Rob Hanson of Grayling and Dr. John H. (Jean) Libke of Bloomfield Hills.

Graveside services at Elmwood Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

### Walter Masinick

Walter Masinick, 73, of Grayling and Fountain Hills, Arizona, died Thursday, April 13, 2000 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Mr. Masinick was born in Mary D, Pennsylvania. He was a U.S. Navy veteran during World War II and the Korean War. He worked in management for an insurance company.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Masinick; two sons, Brian Masinick and David (Kim) Masinick of New Hampshire; three daughters, Gail (Kurt) Schultz of Michigan, Diane (Jeff) Blausner of Ohio and Susan (Leon) Chamberlain of Michigan; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

**In Loving Memory of**  
**Jacqueline (Jackie) LaChance**  
April 25, 1998

Dear Mom,

This is just a short note to let you know you are always with us and to tell you about a few changes in our family.

In November, we finally took Joe officially into our family. We felt you there through the night.

Autumn gave birth to a wonderful little boy in March. Stevie and Sara a beautiful girl a few days later. Even the grandkids are keeping with the tradition of having two within a month (or days) of each other.

Things are different without you here mom. We all know you are watching, and this note is more for us than you. But sometimes putting it into words where everyone can read it makes us feel closer to you. We love you Mom.

Love,  
Your children,  
grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren

### Vernon F. Gardiner

Feb 2, 1916 - Apr 11, 2000

Vernon F. Gardiner, 84, of Grayling died at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mr. Gardiner was born in Roscommon, the son of Walter and Mary Ellen (White) Gardiner. He graduated from Roscommon High School in 1932, and served in the C.C.C. in Houghton Lake. He then served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married the former Evelyn Skingley September 13, 1943 in St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Detroit. After the war, Mr. Gardiner worked at Wyandotte Chemical as Paint Department Supervisor until 1961 when he retired and moved his family to Grayling. He worked as resident manager of Camp WaWaSum for 20 years. He also painted many houses in town.

Mr. Gardiner was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and American Legion Post #106. He was an avid golfer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Evelyn, on August 9, 1984.

He is survived by one daughter, Mary (Lee) Langolf of Charlotte, North Carolina; four sons, Mike (Betty) Gardiner of Grayling, Kevin Gardiner of Grayling, Jim Gardiner of Grayling, and Tom (Pat) Gardiner of Grayling; two grandchildren, Jessica and Christopher Langolf.

A Memorial Mass was held April 14 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Robert Nalley officiating. A private family burial was held in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Crawford County Commission of Aging.

Arrangements by: Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

### Emma J. Bennett

(Correction)

Emma J. Bennett, of Grayling, who died December 28, 1999, will be buried at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in Elmwood Cemetery. Please note change of date and time.

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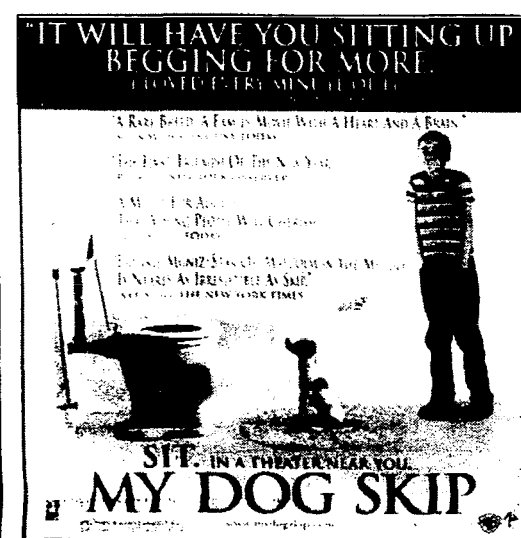
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Admission

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**This Week's Movie Is**  
**April 21 - April 27**



• Wednesday  
Bargain Night  
• \$3.00 per  
person

• Friday &  
Saturday  
• 7:00 p.m.  
& 9:20 p.m.

• Sun., Tues.,  
Wed. &  
Thurs.  
• 7:30 p.m.  
only

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: Don't! Don't look, you might see. Don't listen, you might hear. Don't think, you might learn. Don't make a decision, you might be wrong. Don't walk, you might stumble. Don't run, you might fall. Don't live, you might die!

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

**April 19** - Hearing clinic by appointment; line dancing at 10 a.m.; stag guys at 12:30 p.m.; COA Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**April 20** - Lucky 7 Casino trip at 10:30 a.m.; Blood pressures 11 a.m. - noon; Easter Egg Hunt (Seniors only, no children) at 5:30 p.m.

**April 21** - Senior Center is closed.

**April 23** - Sunday Potluck at 2 p.m.

**April 24** - Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

**April 25** - Trivia at 5:30 p.m.

**April 26** - Nova & Co. at 12:30 p.m.; R & R at 5:30 p.m.

**April 27** - Blood pressures 11 a.m. - noon; Cardio at 5:30 p.m.

**April 28** - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday; a noon meal is served on Friday. Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

MENU FOR APRIL 2000

19 - Pot roast/Spaghetti with meat sauce

20 - Oven Pork/Meatloaf

21 - Good Friday - Center closed

24 - Breaded Fish/Italian Round Steak

25 - Chicken Cacciatore/Roast Chicken

April 26 - Roast Beef/Connecticut Ham Dinner

April 27 - Stuffed Peppers/BBQ Chicken

April 28 - Ham Steak

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 90 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of April 10 - April 16:

One brush/grass fire, four driving violations/DWLS, three delinquent minors, three false alarms, three fire-accident, three hazardous conditions, 24 general non-criminal, 11 traffic accidents (nine car-deer, one car-turkey), one motor vehicle inspection, two civil matter/family trouble, two suspicious situations, two assault/intimidation/stalking, two assault and battery/simple assault, four burglary/home inva-

sions, one larceny, one fraudulent activity, two property damage, one property damage (other), five public peace/disorderly, ten health and safety (all animal control), two conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, one registration law violation.

### Card of Thanks

Many thanks to my family and friends for their prayers and get well wishes during my recent surgery. I thank each and every one of you.

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## CITY OF GRAYLING RESIDENTS

### SCHEDULE FOR YARD WASTE & RECYCLING

## YARD WASTE

Tuesday, April 25

Tuesday, May 09 & 23

Tuesday, June 06 & 20

Wednesday, July 05

Tuesday, July 18

Tuesday, Aug. 01, 15 & 29

Tuesday, Sept. 12 & 26

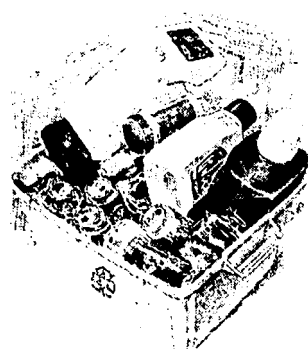
Tuesday, Oct. 10 & 24



Yard waste must be in paper bags or rigid containers and free of any trash (no plastic bags). Brush must be tied in bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length and weigh less than 50 pounds. Individual brush pieces must not exceed 1 inch in diameter.

## RECYCLING

Recycling collection will  
be picked up once per  
month on the fourth  
Thursday of each month.



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**Calling all Kindergartners!**

Planning has begun for fall of 2000. If your child will be 5 years old on or before December 1st, you need to register!! Please fill out a **Kindergarten Survey**. These forms are available at local preschools, daycares, and elementary schools. Hurry...the sooner you register the better!!!

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## Why Social Security is significant to women

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Women tend to have lower earnings and less pension coverage throughout their working lives than men. And they are less likely to receive retirement income from sources other than Social Security. For example, while the median annual earnings for men is around \$34,000, it is only \$25,000 for women.

Because Social Security benefits are based on earnings, that means women generally qualify for smaller benefits than men. Currently, the average retirement benefit paid to men is \$868, compared to \$660 for women. And while almost 50 per-

cent of men receive pensions in addition to their Social Security benefits, only 30 percent of women qualify for private pensions.

Because women tend to have fewer resources outside of Social Security, the program in general is a critical part of their livelihood. And there are certain elements to Social Security that are especially relevant to women.

One is the progressive benefit formula that is intended to raise the standard of retirement living for lower income workers.

Social Security's benefit formula is weighted so that a low-income worker gets a higher rate of return than his or her higher income counterpart. For example, a very low-income worker could get a Social Security benefit that is as high as 90 percent of his or her pre-retirement income. Average income workers get about a 40 percent rate of return, and high-income workers get less.

In other words, Social Security is especially important for many women because they tend to have lower incomes and the progressive benefit computation gives them a higher rate of return.

Other aspects of Social Security critical to women are the non-retirement elements to the program. For example, women are more likely to receive dependent's or survivor's benefits. Almost three million women receive a wife's benefit on their husband's Social Security record, compared to only 30,000 men who claim a husband's benefit. And almost five million women receive widow's benefits each month, while only 36,000 men qualify as widowers.

And because women have lower assets and pension rates than men, they rely more on their Social Security for retirement income. One feature of Social Security especially critical to women is the guaranteed

inflation protection through annual cost-of-living increases.

Women, and all Social Security beneficiaries, can rest assured knowing the value of their Social Security benefits will not erode over time.

Starting this past year, the Social Security Administration is mailing all individuals 25 and older a yearly **Social Security Statement** that provides basic program facts, as well as personalized earnings information and estimates of future Social Security retirement, disability and survivors benefits. Women are especially encouraged to watch for and read their **Statement**.

In addition, anyone can request general Social Security information by calling 1-800-772-1213 and asking for a free copy of the booklet, **Understanding Social Security**. Information is also available at Social Security's award winning website [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

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## Health Dept. recognizes Infant Immunization Week

The week of April 16 - 22 has been declared as National Infant Immunization Week. The week is dedicated to highlighting the importance of timely infant immunization, promoting strategies for increasing the availability and accessibility of immunizations, as well as reminding parents and caregivers: "You gave them life. Protect it."

The Michigan Department of Community Health encourages all citizens to join providers, parents, children's advocates, and public health officials in recognizing the many immunization efforts taking place in the state. These efforts are aimed at increasing immunization levels for two-year-olds to at least 90 percent.

One out of every four American children is not fully immunized. Each year, children who are not fully protected against these diseases become sick, and some die.

Immunization efforts are aimed against ten serious childhood diseases: pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), hepatitis B, chickenpox, tetanus and diphtheria. Immunization protects not only individual children but also the entire community.

Immunized children do not spread disease to other persons in the community, including the elderly, newborns, and those with weakened immune systems. Therefore, all citizens - parents, caregivers, providers and community organizations - are responsible for ensuring that children get the shots they need and on time.

All babies need to visit a doctor or public health clinic for vaccinations five times by the age of two.

"The problem in our country today is that people have not seen a case of diphtheria, tetanus, or polio

in several generations," state Mike Skoog, Health Officer for District Health Department #10.

"They don't realize the severity and devastation these diseases can cause. Many parents think the discomfort caused by the injection or the infinitesimal risk of serious illness from the immunization itself is a good reason not to immunize their children. But parents who do immunize their children not only provide individual protection to them but also contribute to the overall protection of the community. As a result, immunization is a primary function in ensuring good public health," said Skoog.

According to Skoog, it costs approximately \$310 in vaccine alone to fully immunize a child. For some families, cost is a significant barrier that can delay important immunizations.

To break down those barriers, the

local health department provides low cost vaccine for a nominal fee of \$7 per visit, regardless of the number of vaccinations received.

The fee was instituted to defray the costs of administering the vaccine, however, no child will be denied the service because of an inability to pay.

"If we believe it takes a village to raise a child, then the opposite is true as well," adds Skoog. "It takes a collective choice of individual parents to immunize their children to protect an entire village."

Skoog further urges parents to take this opportunity to discuss the immunization record of their children with their health care provider or contact their local health department at 348-7800 for the dates of the next public health immunization clinic.

Remember, "You gave them life. Protect it."

## Free screenings for anxiety disorders offered

What do Naomi Judd, Kim Basinger, Marc Summers and football great Earl Campbell have in common with over 19 million Americans?

They have all suffered from an anxiety disorder. In fact, anxiety disorders are the most common mental illnesses in America. Millions of Americans struggle with feelings of fear, chronic worrying, obsessive, ritualistic behaviors or a persistent sense that something is wrong.

Anxiety disorders include: panic disorder, generalized anxiety disorder (GAD), social phobia, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and post-traumatic stress disorder. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, symptoms of anxiety mimic symptoms of other

medical illnesses and frequently goes undiagnosed.

To help individuals learn about anxiety disorders, their symptoms and effective treatments, Northern Michigan Community Mental Health and Otsego Memorial Hospital will sponsor a free program and screening on May 3 as part of National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day.

The program will take place at the hospital, and will be offered twice during the day, once at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. The program includes viewing a video, receiving information about various anxiety disorders and other mental illnesses, completing an anonymous screening questionnaire, meeting a mental health professional to review the questionnaire and

receiving a referral if necessary.

"Anxiety is a very common problem that causes many Americans tremendous suffering," said Mary Guardino, founder of the National Anxiety Disorders Screening Program. "The main goal of the screening day is to educate people about these disorders and increase the number of people who receive treatment. It can change their lives and the lives of those they love."

For additional information about the Gaylord screening, please call Northern Michigan Community Mental Health at (517) 732-7558. Additionally, a toll-free number has been established for anyone wishing to get information about participating sites throughout the country. This national number is 1-888-442-2022.

## Learn to breathe better with help from OMH

If you're suffering from chronic lung disease, Otsego Memorial Hospital has a program to help you manage the challenges you face.

"I wish I had this program 20 years ago," said participant Fred Meisinger. "It's outstanding."

Bev Cherwinski, a recent lung

transplant recipient, agrees. "No matter how much one thinks he or she knows, there is always something new learned at each class."

Led by respiratory therapists Kerry Elder, RRT, and Paul Hagan, RRT, the program uses lectures, videos, guest speakers, and hands-

on instruction to educate participants about how the respiratory system works and what they can do to manage better in their daily lives.

The two prerequisites for the program are to have a chronic lung disease - such as emphysema, asthma or bronchitis - and to have the motivation to work toward improving your life.

The classes cover anatomy and physiology of the respiratory system, the importance of exercise and proper nutrition, education on the role of oxygen and medications, and other pertinent topics.

"The worst thing you can do when suffering from chronic lung disease is to become sedentary," Elder said. "The lack of exercise weakens muscles and forces the lungs to work harder. The better your physical condition, the more efficiently your lungs will work." A physician referral is required for the exercise component of the course.

The program will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday nights for four consecutive weeks beginning Tuesday, May 2, at Otsego Memorial Hospital. There is a \$10 charge for materials. Significant others are welcome at no charge.

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# Boards and Beyond opens in Grayling

► New store offers skateboards, clothes, accessories, and safety equipment

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

A new store catering to young people, specifically skating enthusiasts, is now open in Grayling.

Boards and Beyond, located on Michigan Avenue, offers a variety of clothing lines, backpacks, purses, jewelry, hats, and of course, skateboarding equipment and accessories.

"We cater to the youth through 25 age range," said Joe Lehman. "That's who we're targeting."

Joe Lehman, store owner, will run the business with his wife Shari, daughter Jennifer, and son Alan.

"I've been investigating this for about eight months," said Lehman. "With the success of the (Hanson Hills) Skate Park, this is a thing in demand."

Lehman knows first-hand how much the skate park is used, and how much it has grown in just a few months. Lehman is the full-time Sports Director at Grayling Recreation Authority, and had a hand in starting the skate park at Hanson Hills.

"If it wasn't for the Hanson Hills Skate Park we wouldn't have the

opportunity to open this up," Lehman said.

Lehman said the skate park attracts young people from all over the state of Michigan. Though there is now a local indoor park for skaters, there hasn't been a local source for purchasing equipment, until now.

"Most of the kids at the skate park have to go down to Saginaw to get their equipment," Lehman noted. "When kids come to Grayling and snap a deck or something, they wouldn't be able to skate anymore. Now they can come here. The skate park and the store really complement each other."

The store held two "sneak peeks" on Thursday and Friday of last week, before officially opening on Saturday, April 15. The "sneak peeks" gave local customers a chance to check out the store, and make a few purchases. Lehman said the early sales results were encouraging.

"It was amazing what kind of business we did," he said.

Boards and Beyond offers skating safety equipment, and all the parts necessary to build a board, plus, an "in-store specialist" to help put boards together and answer any skateboarding questions customers might have.

The "specialist" is Matt Verlac, a local skater, who will be working at Boards and Beyond to help fulfill



(Above) Boards and Beyond owner Joe Lehman displays a few of the store's skateboard decks, wheels, and accessories. (Right) The shop also offers clothing lines.

school community service requirements, Lehman said.

"He's our info guy," Lehman said. "Like last night (Thursday's 'sneak peek'), without him here we'd have never gotten through it."

Lehman plans to have rollerblades and accessories available in the near future, and hopes to offer snowboarding equipment in the winter. Also, clothing lines such as Roxy and Quiksilver are on the way, as are skateboarding shoes.

While school is still in session,

Boards and Beyond will be open from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. (The store will be closed on Sunday and Monday.)

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# New child care center opens in Grayling

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

After she and several co-workers lost their jobs at the Mercy Child Care facility due to budget cuts last June, former manager Julie Sadjak knew a shortage of local child care would result.

With that, Sadjak and her husband, Douglas, made the decision to open their own day care business and did just that on March 6 of this year.

"There is a need in this community for quality child care and that's why we decided to open As Wee Grow," said Julie, the Center's Program Director.

As Wee Grow Child Care Center is located at 4304 M-72 West, just about one-quarter mile east of Grayling. There has been some confusion about the address, but the Center is, indeed, east of town.

Sadjak is licensed to care for infants as young as two weeks old and will look after children as old as 12 years of age. She is currently accepting enrollment applications for all ages. Proof of up to date immunizations are required.

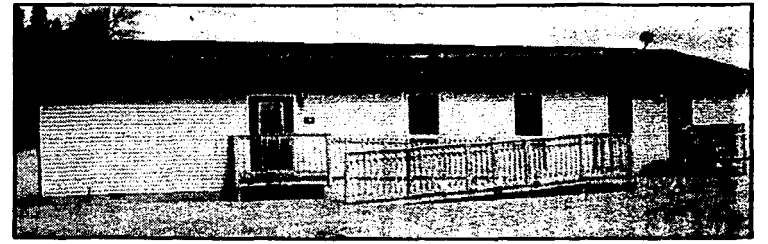
A 13-year veteran of Mercy Child Care, Sadjak hired on some of her former co-workers to give loving care and guidance to little ones at As Wee Grow -- Stacey Cox, Cheryl Cottrell and Lisa Millikin.

The Center is bright, colorful and designed for kids. There are many educational toys, a computer with educational software, and many traditional playthings like a doll house and play work bench.

There are also many comforts of home, like a modern inviting kitchen where meals are prepared and squishy bean bag chairs placed



(Above) As Wee Grow clients Joshua Atherton, Justice Cochrane, Alix Sermon, Alyssa Morley and Jacob Cochrane enjoy many of the activities available for kids at the clean and cheerful day care center. (Right - top) Newly-constructed As Wee Grow Child Care Center opened March 6. (Right) Little six-month old Riley Morley seems to be happy to be enrolled in the infant day care program. The center is licensed to care for a total of eight infants and 28 children.



Photos by Cheryl Ruley



Julie and Douglas Sadjak

cozily in front of the television and VCR where kids enjoy educational and age-appropriate videos. Outside in the play yard are wooden play sets and those of the Little Tike variety.

As Wee Grow offers a full educational curriculum of pre-school and

before & after school programs and meets all state regulations. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sadjak said she has kept her prices competitive and would be glad to answer any questions about the Center. Call (517) 344-TOTS.

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## Mercy nurse recognized as Visionary by Eye-Bank

Throughout the month of March, the Michigan Eye-Bank celebrated National Eye Donor Month by presenting expressions of appreciation to professional hospital staff who have demonstrated outstanding support for eye and organ donation.

Patrick O'Hara, RN, Nursing Supervisor at Mercy Hospital Grayling was recently honored by the Michigan Eye-Bank for assuming the difficult task of offering the option of organ donation to grieving families who have just experienced a loss.

Because O'Hara has contributed so much to eye donation, the Eye-Bank proudly bestowed upon him the title of Visionary.

In 1999, more than 1,500 people received sight-restoring corneal transplants because of the very special people who have helped the Eye-Bank.

"We are very fortunate to have Pat

as a member of our Mercy team and are proud that he was recognized as a Visionary by the Michigan Eye-Bank," stated Kathy Zelinsky, Vice President of Patient Care Services.

Since 1957, the Michigan Eye-Bank has provided corneas for surgical transplantation to people from all across the state. For people who cannot be helped by transplantation, the Eye-Bank gives the Gift of Hope by supporting research into the causes, cures and prevention of blinding eye disease.

The Eye-Bank's commitment to the restoration of sight also extends to public and professional education programs, with the goal of educating people about the ongoing need for eye donors.

For more information about the ongoing need for eye and tissue donation, call the Eye-Bank at 1-800-247-7250, or visit the Eye-Bank online at [www.mebtc.org](http://www.mebtc.org).

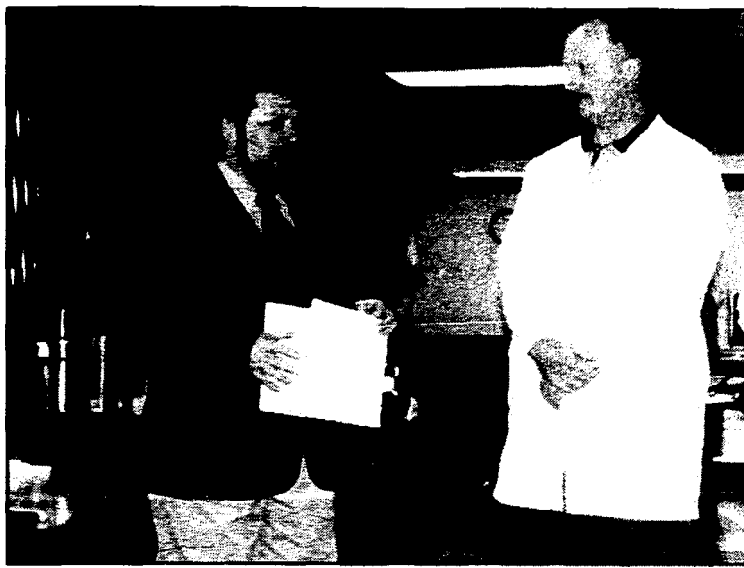


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Representing the Michigan Eye-Bank, Jim Roberts (left) recognized Patrick O'Hara as a "Visionary" during a reception at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

## West Side Story and MOT singers to be featured at Rialto

Area residents are in for a real treat on April 26, when an opportunity to enjoy a presentation format made famous at New York City Radio City Music Hall - the combination first run movie and live show.

The Classic Movie Series will feature the 1961 film adaptation of *West Side Story*, a motion picture which received 10 Oscar awards in 1962, featuring Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer. This best picture of 1961

also features Rita Moreno and George Chakiris. Both won Oscars. On the stage, the Michigan Opera Theater Singers will present musical selections from this time period.

*West Side Story* represented a collaboration of film artist Robert Wise, choreographer Jerome Robbins, and music writers Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim. Setting the ageless tale of Romeo and Juliet against the backdrop of

New York City gang warfare in the late 1950's, this musical combines exuberant choreography mixed with realism and fantasy.

On Broadway, *West Side Story* ran continually to sold out houses for more than seven years and continued after the work was made into film.

Two performances will be offered on April 26, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A limited number of tickets for both performances are available from

Habitat for Humanity Board Members. All tickets are \$6.

The Classical Movie Series is a partnership presentation of the Rialto Theater, Cornell Insurance Agency, and the Community Education Cultural Events Series. Doors open for the 2 p.m. show at 1:30 p.m. and for the evening show at 6:45 p.m.

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On Thursday evening, April 27, the Travel and Adventure Program will present its sixth show of the season when Dr. Dwayne Merry takes us to "The Treasures of Mexico" at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

As a practicing archaeologist, Dr. Merry brings a unique perspective to his recent film "Treasures of Mexico." In the film Dr. Merry revisits many of the ancient sites he has explored over the past thirty years. See the mysterious stone figures of the Olmecs on the Gulf coast, the giant statues of the Toltecs at Tula, the Aztec remains in and around Mexico City and at Teotihuacan. We will visit Mayan ruins throughout the Yucatan peninsula, such as Chichen Itza, Palenque and Uxmal.

The film also shows the recent

inhabitants of these areas giving the viewer an insight into the way of life of the descendants of these ancient civilizations. Celebrate the folk dancing and pageantry of Oaxaca's colorful Guilaquetza. Observe the Voladores hanging from ropes 50 feet in the air spinning around a large pole, upside down.

The colonial town of Taxco was once the center of the world's silver mining and is still world famous today for the fine silver jewelry crafted there.

In Acapulco we will watch the death defying leaps of the cliff divers and visit Las Brisas a famous honeymoon hotel. Other sites to behold along the west coast are Puerto Vallarta made famous by Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor in *Night of the Iguana*, also the beach and hotel at Las Hadas where Dudley Moore pursued Bo

Derek in the film *10*.

Stroll through the fascinating central market of Guadalajara. Visit the spectacular Copper Canyon, which is much larger and deeper than our own Grand Canyon. Here a train goes over thirty-eight bridges and passes through eighty-eight tunnels. Along the route dwell the Tarahumara Indians who are among the most isolated of Mexico's numerous tribes.

Join the hundreds of boats for a ride through the floating market of Xochimilco. Experience the rapid pace and the hustle and bustle of Mexico City where skyscrapers loom over Aztec ruins competing for space with ornate colonial buildings. Be serenaded by dozens of lively Mariachi bands all playing at the same time against the back-

ground of colorful murals, street vendors and outdoor cafes.

This comprehensive film takes you from the Sea of Cortez to the Atlantic and from Matamoros to Merida and beyond. "The Treasures of Mexico" shows the country's splendor from its early history to the present, taking a fresh look at the diversity of both, the ancient and modern peoples and their cultures.

Doors to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium will open at 6:45 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. performance. Tickets may be purchased at the door and \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors. The Travel and Adventure Series is made possible with the support of Fick and Sons of Grayling.

For more information, call 348-7641, ext. 120 or 123.

## House to debate new restaurant food code

By Eric Lacy  
Capital News Service

Lansing - A new food service code, calling for improved training standards and inspection rules, is in the state House for consideration after passing the Senate last week.

The code update is the first of its kind in more than 20 years, with restructured guidelines for restaurants to better serve their communities.

According to the Michigan Restaurant Association, consisting of 3,500 state-licensed establishments, more than 328,000 Michigan residents work in places serving four million meals daily.

"This is good news for consumers, restaurateurs and the state," said Rob Gifford, MRA executive director. "Not only will it update many rules, equipment and procedures, but ultimately, it will result in safe and better food for consumers."

The code for the first time will outline all the state laws that govern food service, grouping several separate acts together, while eliminating duplicate language in the previously written guidelines.

Tony Leonard, owner of Josh's

Place in Midland, is looking forward to the new code and believes that the current standards can be improved.

"The biggest thing that I think I would like to see would be uniformity with the general guidelines," Leonard said. "It looks like the code is headed in the right direction with a few different changes."

Highlights of the new food bill include better educational and training methods to restaurant operators about food preparation, improved cleaning standards and a statewide inspection process that is similar to the Code of Federal Regulations.

The new code is supported by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, which licenses over 65,000 food establishments and inspects 22,000 of those considered to be retail establishments or food processing plants.

"We are pleased since the law hasn't been updated in a long time," said Denise Yockey, public information officer. "A lot of large-scale restaurants are doing a lot more, such as selling ready-to-eat foods, so the lines have been really blurred in the past 20 years."

## Financial help available for Little League fees

The AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau and Grayling Little League would like to remind parents that the Recreation Assistance Program is available for families wishing to register their children for participation in Little League baseball and softball programs.

This program pays the registration fees for children whose families may qualify under the following guidelines: A) if the family receives FIP, food stamps, or Medicaid; B) if the family's income falls below guidelines established by the TANF Block Grant (for example, if a family with four members have less than \$2,792 in income).

Parents interested in using the

Recreation Assistance Program can fill out the application form at the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau Office located at 6441 West M-72 next to the St. Francis Episcopal Church at 3:30 p.m. during weekdays.

Questions about eligibility for funds can also be directed to YSB Director Douglas Wilson at 517-348-2841, ext 262.

(Note: Families participating in the Recreation Assistance Program will not be required to pay the Little League "Home Run Card" fee at the time of registration.)

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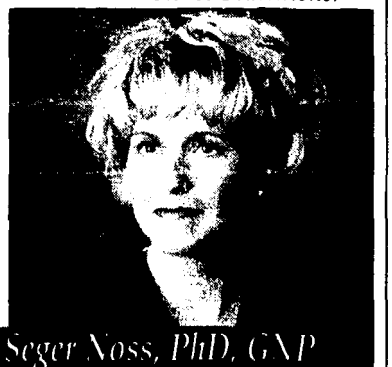
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▣ *What time of the day and what days of the week will I make most of my calls?*

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a home area, or local, geographic area where its service is available. When you use cellular service outside the home area, additional "roaming" charges may apply - costing as much as \$1 per minute or more. Long distance charges, where applicable, may also be assessed. Look for a plan with the geographic coverage you need at a cost you can afford.

▣ *Do I need analog or digital?*

Customers can choose either analog or digital cellular technology. Analog cellular is the older of the two. Its networks cover virtually all of the populated areas of the country. An analog phone instrument is typically inexpensive or free with a calling plan. If you want the newest technology with advanced features like Caller ID, e-mail, Internet access, paging, etc., you will need digital cellular service. Digital technology also provides better sound quality, longer battery life, and greater security against eavesdropping and theft of services. Digital service is somewhat new to the marketplace and, although its coverage is growing, is primarily available in metropolitan markets. For low-volume users who don't need digital features, analog cellular is the least expensive option.

Other tips for buying cellular telephone service

▣ Look for a service provider that includes the features you are interested in as part of its standard package.

▣ If you expect to stay within one calling area, look for a service

provider that blankets the entire area and offers good home area rates.

▣ Be careful to determine if "free minutes" in a calling plan refers to all calls or just home area calls, and factor in any extra charges for roaming outside your home area.

▣ The service provider that offers an inexpensive or free telephone may not offer the least expensive air time rates. Analyze "free phone" offers carefully.

▣ Check to see if a calling plan is based on a specified contract period and whether it has a termination fee if you cancel the service early.

▣ If you will be using your telephone while driving, you might want to consider a telephone that includes a car kit with a speaker for hands free operation.

Cellular telephone service is advancing rapidly with new features, expanding service areas, and innovative promotion packages being continuously introduced. Therefore, it pays to know what you want and what is available before you begin to shop. Remember, cellular service is not regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) related to the rates, service, or billing. The MPSC has no jurisdiction of cellular service providers.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

## Surgeon joins hospital staff, private practice

Otsego Memorial Hospital announced this week that Frederick D. Rau, M.D. has joined their medical staff.

Dr. Rau is a board certified orthopedic surgeon who has also joined N'Orthopedics of Gaylord and Grayling. He will practice at offices in both locations, but primarily in Grayling where he is also part of the Mercy Hospital staff.

A Michigan native, Dr. Rau most recently practiced in South Bend, Indiana. He completed medical school and his orthopedic residency at Wayne State University in Detroit.



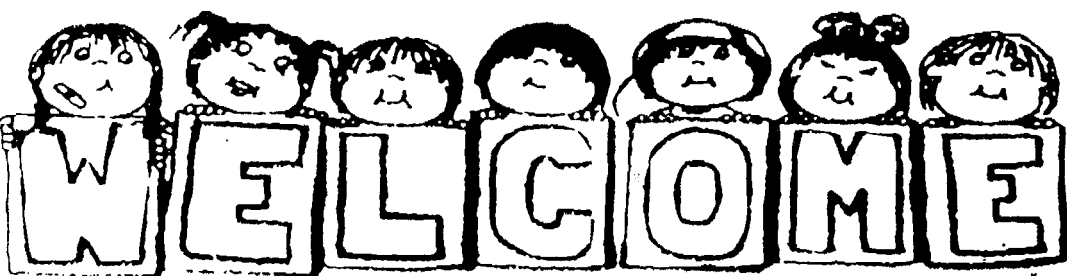
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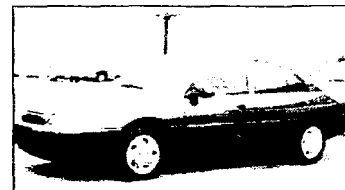
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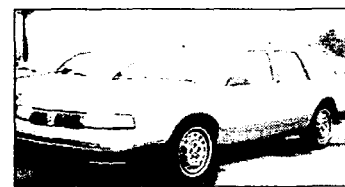
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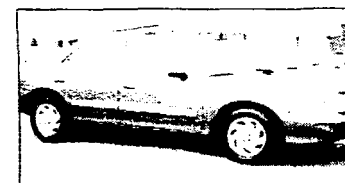
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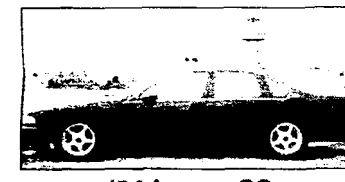
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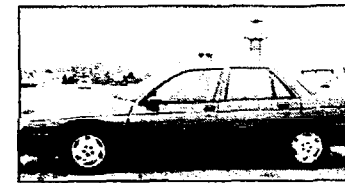
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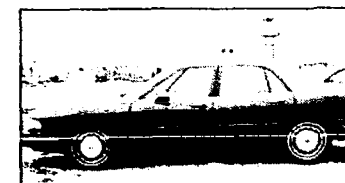
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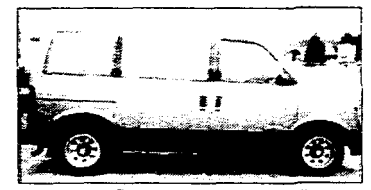


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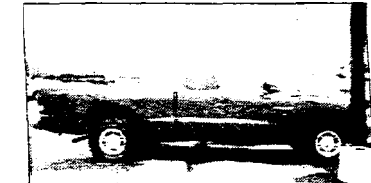
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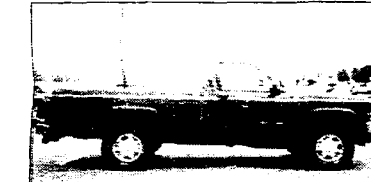
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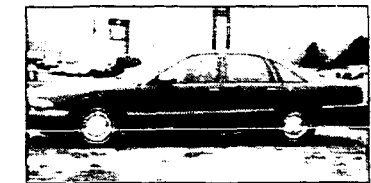
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For Clifford Fritz Jr., *Bob Vila's Complete Guide to Remodeling Your Home* from Crawford County Health Department Staff.

For Hazel M. Gable, *My Favorite Things - 75 Works of Art from Around the World*, *Choosing Plant Combinations*, *High-Flavor, Low-Fat Mexican Cooking*, *Hors d'oeuvres*, *Big Book of Cats* and *Big Book of Horses* from Friends and Family.

For Emilie Hill, *Moonbear's*

*Dream* from Crawford County Health Department Staff.

For Alan Johnston, *Wild Horses* and *The Crowd Goes Wild* from John, Shirley, Chum and Barb, also *Personal Injuries* in large print from Bob, Pat, Rob and Penny Holzman.

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For Melvin Marshall, *Astronomy and London-Millennium Edition* from Grant and Carole Thompson.

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For Sherm Ormsbee, *Official Illustrated NHL History* from Curly LaMotte and *Big Book of John Deere Tractors* from Becky Deline.

For Jennie Peterson, *Scotland Eyewitness Travel Guide* from Shirley Johnson and kids and *Ladysbird - A Biography of Mrs. Johnson* from John and Shirley Linendoll.

For Ralph Reaume, *Field and Stream Turkey Hunting Handbook* from Don and Dorothy Denton.

For John Schrieber, *Electronics* from Don and Puff Denton.

For Jean Smith, *Family Garden* from Don and Rae Ann Schanz and *Chicken Soup for the Cat and Dog Lover's Soul* from Grayling Hospital for Animals.

For Dr. Ralph Steffe, *Field Guide to Medicinal Plants and Herbs* from Don and Rae Ann Schanz.

Donation to Building Fund in memory of Robert Stump from Jeff, Shirley, Jessica and Erin Scott.

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• The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Telephone: 348-9215.

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Lovells Township Library started as an idea by a group of women working in the Frederic Elementary School Library in 1973-74. By 1975 they had received donations from the Cheerful Givers and Hook and Trigger Club, received a grant from the state with help from Mrs. Doris Saunders, \$100 a year from the Crawford County Library for heat and electricity, and donations from the community of books, materials and time which transformed a storage room in the town hall to the Lovells Township Library.

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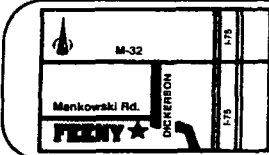
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## Differences between allergies and the common cold

Allergies and colds seem to be everywhere. More than 22 million Americans have seasonal allergies, also known as "allergic rhinitis," or more commonly known as hay fever. Adults in the U.S. get an average of two to four colds a year, and children get six to eight.

The following will help distinguish between these similar and often misunderstood conditions.

• What symptoms do colds and allergies share in common?

Sneezing, runny and stuffy nose and normal body temperature (occasionally colds are accompanied by a fever) are common to both. Other common symptoms include irritation of the throat and a general run-down feeling.

• Do colds and allergies have seasons?

Most colds occur during the fall and winter. This may be due to the opening of school and cooler weather forcing people indoors and in closer contact with each other. Seasonal allergies occur in spring (due to tree pollen), summer (predominantly from grass and weed pollen), and fall (up to the first frost, mostly from ragweed pollen).

• What are some myths about the common cold?

Contrary to popular opinion, cold damp weather does not cause colds. The most common way to catch a cold is through exposure to an infected person's coughing and sneezing. When viruses in the air are inhaled through the nose, there is a chance of catching the cold.

• Is there a treatment for the common cold?

All you can do is treat the symptoms while your body fights off the

virus.

Experts recommend drinking plenty of fluids, taking aspirin or acetaminophen to relieve discomfort, and using decongestants to relieve a stuffy nose.

• How should seasonal allergies be treated?

Avoid the pollens that are causing the symptoms - close bedroom windows at night; try not to go out when pollen levels are high; stay out of wooded areas and fields; stay inside early in the morning and evening, when pollen counts tends to go up and shower before bed to wash off pollen.

• What medications are available for seasonal allergies?

Antihistamines are commonly used to ease sneezing, runny nose and itching eyes. Inhaled nasal cortisone sprays shut down the entire allergic response. Allergy shots may be used for severe or year-round allergies.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled during April 19 through April 25.

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During April and May, controlled burning of underbrush and downed trees will be conducted on Camp Grayling range impact areas, weather permitting and in coordination with the Michigan DNR to reduce further fire danger.

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## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 53 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from April 9 through April 15:

Three false alarms, three animal control, one felony arrest, three misdemeanor arrests, six assists to other departments, two breaking and entering, two city ordinance viola-

tions, one domestic complaint, one juvenile complaint, eight larcenies, one liquor violation, one OUIL, two suspicious situations, two private property accidents, one traffic accident, three civil infraction citations, two misdemeanor citations and 11 unclassified complaints. In addition, 14 traffic warnings were given.

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## GHS baseball team sweeps opener

► Varsity Vikings defeat Boyne City to open season, fall to Blazers in road series

The GHS baseball team won its season opener, sweeping Boyne City in a doubleheader at Grayling last Wednesday. The Vikings won by scores of 14-4 and 9-2.

"We came out swinging the bats very well," said Coach Duane VanDrese. "We got solid pitching from Brad Gorski and John Herrick and took advantage of our opportunities on offense."

Ray Trudgeon, Eli Tobin, and Rusty Strohpaal each hit three-run home runs, and Mike D'Amour hit a two run homer in the series. Brad Gorski scattered four hits during the doubleheader.

The Vikings lost two games of a doubleheader last Friday in Kalkaska, falling to the Blazers by scores of 11-4 and 6-3.

In game one, the Vikings surrendered nine runs in the first inning, and were unable to recover.

"We never rebounded (from the first inning)," said Coach VanDrese. "We couldn't put anything together. Ray Trudgeon came on in relief and did a wonderful job of shutting down Kalkaska."

"In game two, (pitcher) Mike D'Amour threw an excellent game, but again, we couldn't sustain any kind of a threat offensively," VanDrese said. "Levi Burkett continued to hit the ball for Grayling, collecting four hits in the doubleheader."

"We didn't play well enough to win," he added. "We need to be better defensively, and I expect we will."

Coach VanDrese expects his team to be one of the top squads in the North



Members of the varsity baseball team gather at home plate to congratulate Rusty Strohpaal (shown crossing the plate) after Strohpaal belted a three-run homer against Boyne City.

East Michigan Conference (NEMC) this season.

"Our strength this year should be our experience and our senior leadership," VanDrese said. "We have four kids in Jon Haskel, Eli Tobin, Jeremy Latuszek and Rusty Strohpaal who are entering their third year at the varsity level. We're expecting them to lead us offensively."

"We are hoping to get significant contributions offensively from juniors Brad Gorski, Levi Burkett, and Mike D'Amour as well. I believe that we'll hit enough to win games and defensively, I'm confident that we'll be better. Up the middle we're as solid as anybody," said VanDrese.

"The key to our success will be how well we pitch and our ability to stay

healthy," he continued. "Seniors Rusty Strohpaal, Ray Trudgeon, and John Herrick, and juniors Brad Gorski and Mike D'Amour will handle the pitching responsibilities for this season. We'll need this group of kids to throw strikes, keep us in games, and soak up innings."

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See "GHS BASEBALL..."

## JV softball team splits with Blazers

► Junior varsity squad opens with losses at Boyne, split vs. Kalkaska

The Grayling High School JV softball team split a doubleheader with Kalkaska in the team's home opener last Friday, after falling to Boyne City on Wednesday.

Against Kalkaska, Grayling struggled early against the visiting Blazers, allowing nine runs in the top of the first inning. The Vikings ended up losing by mercy (15 runs)

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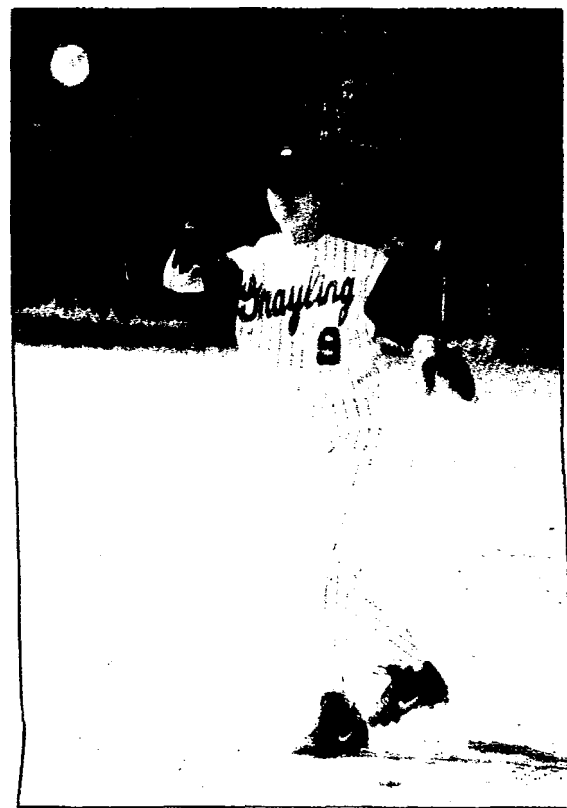


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JV team second baseman Tracy Parkinson throws to first in the Kalkaska game.

## Girls soccer team defeats Standish

► After three road losses, Viking girls bounce back to win home opener 3-1

Grayling High School's varsity girls soccer team won its home opener last week, and first game of the season overall, with a 3-1 victory over visiting Standish Sterling.

The Grayling soccer squad opened its season well before any other GHS spring sport, playing two games prior to spring break, and then two more last week.

The Vikings started their season with a 4-0 loss to West Branch Ogemaw Heights on the road on March 27. Though the team lost, Coach Karen Langseth felt the girls put forth a solid effort.

"Goalkeeper Sarah McGuire had a great game," Langseth said. "She had good positioning and communication even though she hasn't been training for this position. She made some phenomenal saves."

"On defense, Sarrah Fairbotham, Kelly Wilson, Carrie Hellebuyck, Kira Maples, Tasha Carlisle, Katie Bonne and stopper Bitsy Hellebuyck worked well together to stop the dribble and push up. The midfield of Danielle Niederer, Bridgette Reed and Monica Kustra did good at looking for the open player and passing. The offense of Christi Dunckley, Jessica Holzbauer, and Katie Bonne showed us their good ball-handling and hustled back to help when needed. Sonya Saladine, Rachel Ramaswamy, Janelle Gregorich, and Mandy Ellis helped with their

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See "GIRLS SOCCER..."



GHS midfielder Danielle Niederer fights for possession of the ball against a Standish Sterling defender near the Panther goal.

## Track team opens with Roscommon, Charlevoix



GHS track athlete Derek Quick competes in the shot put event during last week's meet at Roscommon. For more on the track team, see Page 5B.

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## Varsity softball team falls to Boyne City

► Vikings come up short against visiting Ramblers in squad's season opener

Grayling High School's varsity girls softball team lost both games of a doubleheader last Wednesday at home, falling to the Boyne City Ramblers 14-4 and 16-4.

The team is still in the process of establishing a regular line-up, and is working to get back on track after spring break.

"The first game of the season (against Boyne City) was the first time all the players have been here since March 15," said Coach Donna Boughner. "Spring breakers hurt our preseason. The first few games will be a warm-up for the season. Many positions will be switched around to come up with the best game plan."

Boughner thinks the team will be competitive once everything settles into place.

"Our goal this year is to win the Districts," she said.

Against Boyne City in game one, Mel Paxton led Grayling's offensive attack with two hits and four RBI.

"Mel had a great game," said Boughner. "She had a double and a triple, and hit in every run we scored with four RBI. Jamie Dent had a good game, scoring two runs and getting on base every time she was at the plate."

"(Outfielder) Tanya Helsel was a leader on defense. She had a great play firing a girl out at home plate," said Boughner. "Catcher Tabatha Ketchum was excellent. I am going to be happy to have her around for four years. She did a great job."

In game two of the doubleheader,

Tabitha Harney led the Viking offense with two hits and two RBI. Paxton, Mika Sumner, and Emily Fox added one hit apiece.

"(Outfielder) Tanya Helsel and Andrea Elmy played great defense," Boughner said of the second game. "They both had some great catches that saved us from an early inning mercy."

"Tabitha Harney fired her bat up this game with two hits and two RBI. Emily Henion played well all the way around, and she scored a run with heads-up running on the bases. Elmy's baserunning fetched her two stolen bases, and she scored two runs," Boughner added.

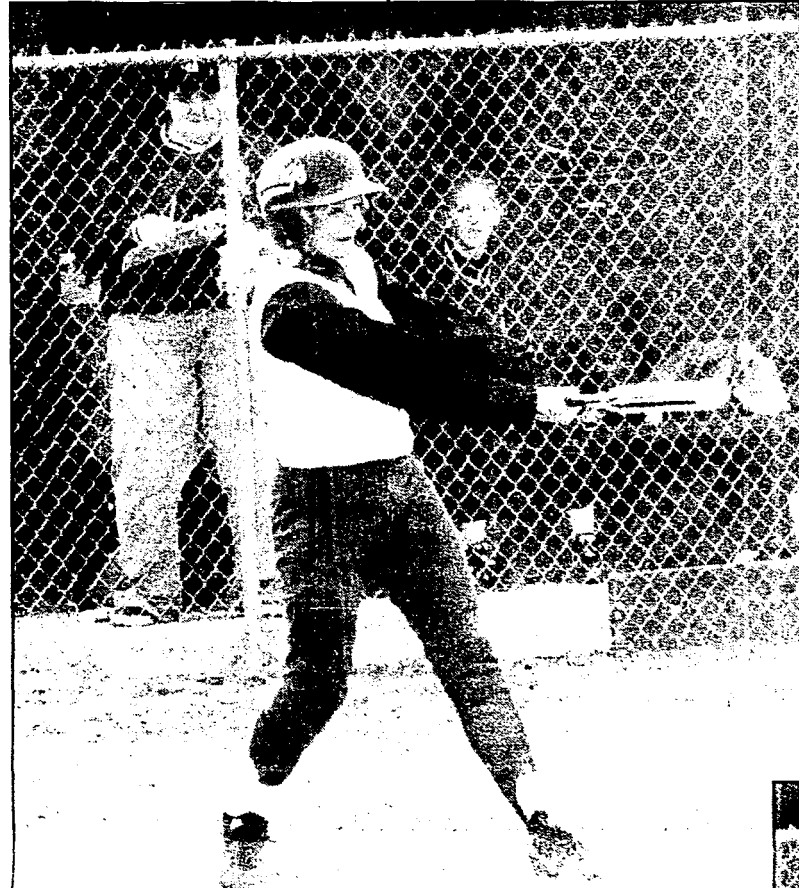
Arica Wolcott pitched both games for the Vikings. She struck out four in 11 innings of work.

"Wolcott looked great her first two games of the year," said Coach Boughner. "We have to build our defense to help her out."

The Vikings will play at Gladwin on April 25. The team will host the Tawas Braves on Friday, April 28, starting at 4 p.m.



(Above) Arica Wolcott throws a pitch in the game against Boyne City last Wednesday. Wolcott pitched both games of a doubleheader for the Vikings. (Left) Mel Paxton gets a hold of one in first game vs. Boyne City. She had two hits, both for extra bases, and four RBI in the match.



(Left) Third baseman Jamie Dent puts the tag on a Boyne City runner. (Right) Tanya Helsel makes contact with the ball.



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Viking of the Week



Varsity Softball  
Coach: Donna Boughner  
**MIKA SUMNER**

Mika has worked very hard in practice. She is a team leader, and has made some key plays in the last four games. She had a double and an RBI against Kalkaska last week.



# Girls soccer team defeats Standish

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hustle when subbed in," Langseth said.

"Ogemaw Heights did a great job of getting to the ball first," added Coach Langseth. "We were not outplayed."

On March 29, the Vikings lost a close match to the Pinconning Spartans at Pinconning.

"This was a great game," said Langseth. "The team played a very aggressive, high-pressure game. They looked confident."

McGuire played goalkeeper again, and Bonne played sweeper. The rest of the defense consisted of Wilson, Maples, and Bitsy Hellebuyck at stopper.

"The combination of those five ladies was hard to beat," said Langseth. "Rachel Ramaswamy, Bridgette Reed, Monica Kustra, and Danielle Niederer once again controlled the midfield and moved up well to assist the offense of Jessica Holzbauer, Christi Dunckley, and Sarrah Fairbotham."

Dunckley scored the lone GHS goal in the game.

"She was in the right place at the right time and knocked it in," said Langseth. "We came away from this game feeling great even though by the score we lost."

After spring break, the team played its third match of the season on April 12 against Bay City John Glenn. Grayling lost to BCJG 3-0.

"This was our first game after spring break, and it took us well into the second half to start to play. Then communication got better, the defense began to push up, the mid-field started passing better, and the offense started getting some shots off," said Coach Langseth.

Last Friday, the team scored three first half goals (all by Jessica Holzbauer) en route to a 3-1 victory over the visiting Panthers of Standish Sterling. Grayling's first win of the 2000 season. Standish Sterling's only goal in the match was the result of a first-half penalty kick.

"The team came out determined to play better than they had on Wednesday, and they never lost sight of their goal," Coach Langseth said. "They kept Standish from scoring and got the ball up."



Photos by Caleb Casey

GHS forward Jessica Holzbauer breaks free of the pack and heads toward the Standish goal. Holzbauer scored a "hat trick" (three goals) in Grayling's 3-1 victory over the Standish Sterling Panthers last Friday.

The game was scoreless for almost 30 minutes, until Holzbauer put in her first goal of the night. Six minutes later, she scored again on an assist by Bitsy Hellebuyck. With the team pumped up and playing aggressively, Holzbauer completed the "hat trick" two minutes later on an assist by Sally Jansen.

"The defense of Kelly Wilson, Carrie Hellebuyck, and sweeper

Michelle Salyers did their jobs well," said Coach Langseth. "Monica Kustra, Danielle Niederer, Bridgette Reed, Andy Holzbauer, and Sally Jansen held the midfield. Christi Dunckley, who got four shots off, Jessica Holzbauer, and Sarrah Fairbotham never gave up on the offense. Sonya Saladine and Janelle Gregorich really hustled in the different positions they played,

and Rachel Ramaswamy did a great job of marking Standish's sweeper."

"There was a small but very boisterous crowd in the stands supporting the team," Langseth said of the Standish game (played in Grayling). "It means a great deal to these young athletes to have support even when they don't win -- it makes all their hard work worth it."

The team will host Pinconning on April 26 at 5 p.m.



Grayling goalkeeper Sarah McGuire prepares to take a penalty kick.



GHS forward Christi Dunckley moves past a Standish defender into the offensive zone.

### Viking of the Week

Varsity Girls Soccer  
Coach: Karen Langseth  
**SARAH MCGUIRE & JESSICA HOLZBAUER**

Sarah has done a tremendous job at one of the most difficult positions to play. This is not what she thought she'd be doing this year, but has shown great leadership by stepping up to the challenge. Jessica is always hustling, both in practice and games. She uses her leadership to get the rest of the team excited and in the game. She also scored a hat trick against Standish last week.

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# JV softball team splits with Blazers

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 in three innings, 23-6.

Tracy Parkinson, Ashley Wolcott, Emily Henion, and Danielle Beckwith all scored runs for GHS. (Wolcott and Beckwith each scored two.) Henion and Ashlee Cox had Grayling's only hits.

"(Catcher) Ashlee Cox and (pitcher) Ashley Wolcott teamed up at the plate to prevent two runs on passed balls," said Coach Lori Johnson. "Our baserunners were very aggressive, but errors in the field really hurt us. We need to do a better job at the plate and communicate as a team. Basic plays just weren't happening."

The Vikings turned it around in game two of the doubleheader, winning 15-13.

Grayling led the entire match, after blanking Kalkaska for the first two innings. The Vikes had a big first inning, scoring nine runs.

Henion, the pitcher, picked up the win.

On offense, Beckwith led with three hits. Henion had two hits, including a double, and Parkinson, Wolcott, and Gina Thompson each had one hit in the match.

Wolcott scored four runs, and Beckwith crossed the plate three times. Parkinson, Henion, Hinkle, Ashley Bancroft, Thompson, and Jennifer Lehman also scored for Grayling.

"The Lady Vikes began the second game with solid defense," said Coach Johnson. "Then they came to the plate and ran through the order. It didn't matter whether they hit the ball or walked; running the bases aggressively was the key. They led the entire game and it was great to see them respond as a team."

"It was a great game," she added.



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Ashley Wolcott delivers a pitch in the first inning of last Friday's game against Kalkaska.**

The Vikings had a rough season opener against Boyne City on the road, losing both games by mercy in the third inning. The Ramblers won by scores of 21-3, and 19-4.

In game one, Parkinson, Beckwith and Cox had Grayling's only hits. Lori Ellis, Bancroft, and Hinkle scored the three GHS runs.

Pitcher Hinkle only allowed three hits, but walked several batters.

"When the Lady Vikes reached the bases, they were very aggressive baserunners," said Coach Johnson. "We had a lot of first game jitters and errors that occurred were both mental and physical mistakes. We have plenty of room for improvement."

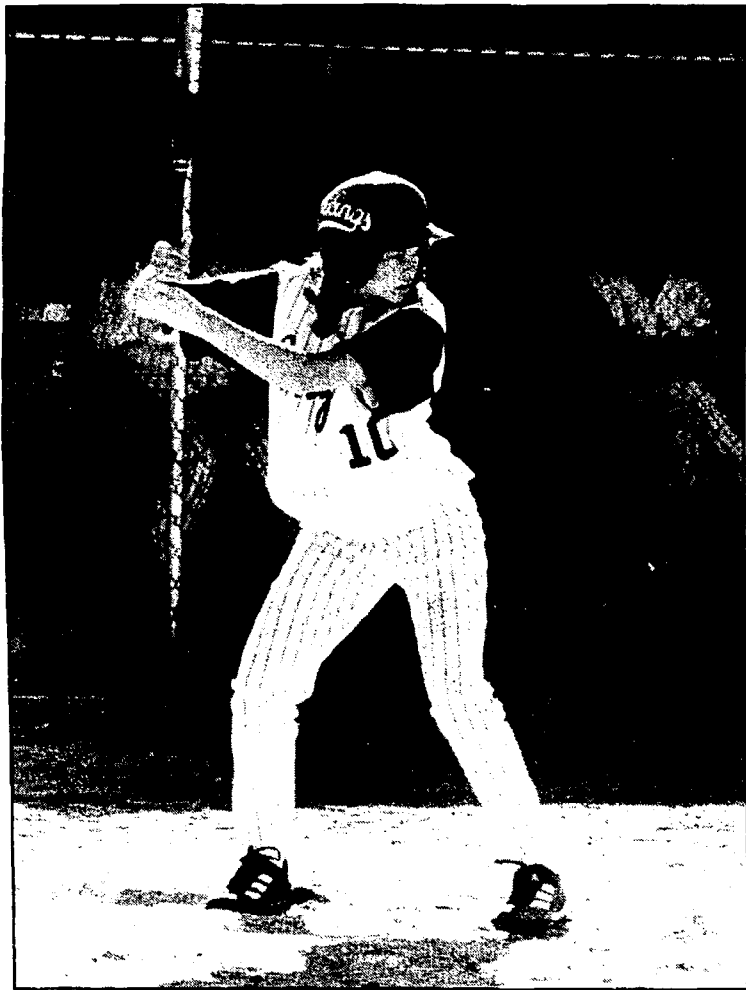
In game two, the Vikings got into a deep hole as Boyne City racked up 11 runs in the first inning, Grayling couldn't mount a comeback.

"There were some good defensive plays made by the infielders and

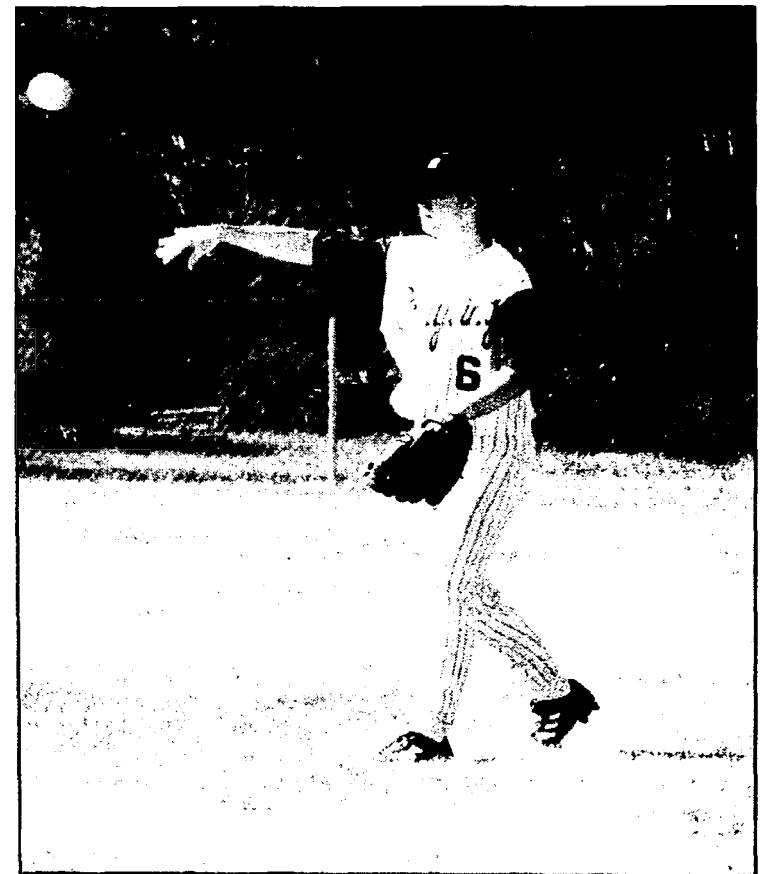
outfielders," noted Coach Johnson. "Since the ball was being hit more, it allowed for some judgment errors. All in all, the ladies had an opportunity to learn from their mistakes. The season is going to be a great learning experience for everyone."

"It was a great to see parents travel the distance to give us their support," Johnson added.

The team will play at Gladwin on Tuesday, April 25. On Friday, April 28, the Vikings will host Tawas at 4 p.m.



**JV player Danielle Beckwith steps to the plate.**



**Centerfielder Gina Thompson fields a Kalkaska hit and gets the ball into the infield.**

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Romain, 227; T. Kotrash, 214.  
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 High Series: M. Starks, 611; J. Hinds, 562; T. Raybould, 514.

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 High Game: M. Partin, 218; J. Hatfield, 204; N. Glasslee, 201.  
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 High Series: D. Mead, 528; M. Starks, 513; S. Sumner, 504.

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 High Game Men: K. Harris, 198; D. Germain, 188; K. Louchart, 185.  
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## Track team opens with Roscommon, Charlevoix

► Boys and girls track and field squads take third in season opener

Grayling's boys and girls track teams opened their 2000 seasons with a meet at Roscommon last Wednesday, competing against Charlevoix and Rosco.

The Bucks won both the boys and girls competitions, with 231 and 218 team points, respectively. Grayling finished third, scoring 67 points (boys) and 51 points (girls).

Individually, Karen Wyman had the only first place finish for the GHS girls, taking first in the 3200M run.

Other top finishers for the girls team included: the 3200M relay team, 2nd; Kate Nickert, 2nd, high jump (with a jump of 4'5"); Jessica Green, 3rd, long jump (with a jump of 12'5"); 4th, 100M dash; Shannon Terry, 4th, 800M run, 5th long jump

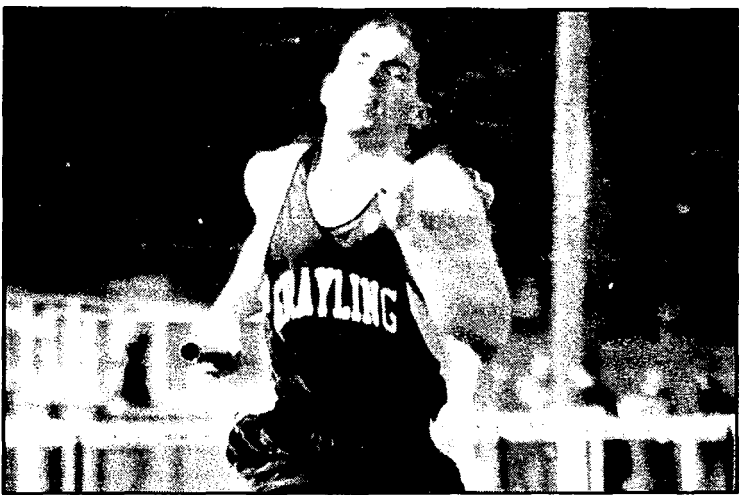
(with a jump of 11'10"); Patti Martella, 5th, 110M hurdles; Sarah Davis, 5th, 1600M run; Sarah Golnick, 5th, 200M dash; Monica Safin, 6th, 1600M run; Amy Doherty, 6th, 200M dash; Kathy Wyman, 6th, 3200M run.

For the GHS boys, the team's 3200M relay squad took the only first place. Other top finishers included: 800M relay team, 2nd; 400M relay, 2nd; Jason Boreo, 2nd, 800M run; Nick Baynham, 2nd, shot put (throw of 36'3"); Peter Belcher, 3rd, 110M hurdles, 5th, 200M dash; Paul Jansen, 3rd, 300M hurdles; Tim Ormsbee, 3rd, 800M run; Scott Latusek, 3rd, 3200M run; Derek Quick, 3rd, shot put (throw of 37'9"); 5th, discus (throw of 95'9").

The boys and girls track teams will travel to Pinconning on Wednesday, April 26 to compete against Gladwin and Pinconning. On April 29, the Vikings will compete in the Mio Invitational Track Meet.



Grayling's Amy Doherty takes a leap in the long jump competition last week at Roscommon.



GHS runner Paul Jansen competes in one of the relay events last Wednesday in Roscommon.



Monica Safin passes the relay baton to Kelly Jansen.

## GHS baseball team sweeps opener

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"In addition," VanDrese noted, "we have the luxury this year of having quality depth. Seniors Mike Pratt and Ryan Mahaffy will battle for a couple of outfield positions as well as providing us with potent bats on the bench."

"We have worked extremely hard to be successful this year, and

believe that we will be a very competitive team in the NEMC this year," said Coach VanDrese.

The team opened its league schedule with a doubleheader at West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Tuesday night. The Vikings will host Gladwin on April 25, with game one of a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m.



Grayling second baseman Jon Haskel goes up for a throw from the catcher on a stolen base attempt by Boyne City.



GHS pitcher Brad Gorski prepares to deliver during a brief snowfall at last Wednesday's game held in Grayling.

**Viking of the Week**

**JOHN HERRICK**  
Varsity Baseball  
Coach: Duane VanDrese

Herrick, in his first Viking appearance on the mound, threw a 1-hitter, striking out 12 and walking 5. "John is new to Grayling baseball after transferring in from Lansing," said Coach VanDrese. "He gave us a big lift and we anticipate him being a big part of our success."

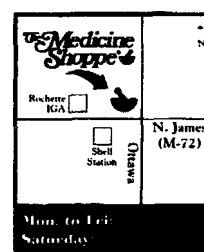


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## LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF  
CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGSMeeting held on the 27th  
day of March 2000  
Grayling, MichiganMeeting called to order by Mayor Palmer  
at 7:30 p.m.Members Present: Wyman, \*Hayes,  
Palmer, Brown, Banda.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City  
Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Dave  
Frederick, Leonard Graf, Caleb Casey, Jim  
Hough, Dave Sabin, Kim McClain, Henry  
Lane, Nick Grogan, Robert Lane, Dan  
Starks, Richard Haight, Todd McCarver,  
Scott Malone.

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Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman  
that the minutes of the meeting of March 13,  
2000 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4,  
Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Public Hearing: None.

Communications were received and noted.  
a. Feb. 2000 Revenue/Expenditure Report  
b. Feb. 2000 Report from Grayling Police  
Dept.c. Crawford County Board of Commissioners  
Minutes of Feb 16, 2000.d. Liquor Control Commission request for  
new SDM License. No action needed.e. Grayling Housing Commission Minutes  
of Feb 8, 2000.

f. Small Cities Newsletter.

g. Budget 2000-2001 Schedule.

h. Letter of Commitment sent for the Fish  
Hatchery project.

Old Business.

\*Hayes was now present.

a. Dave Sabin City Attorney, Mr. Sabin  
spoke to Council about the City Charter and  
what duties the City Council are responsible  
for and what duties the City Manager is  
responsible for in running the city. According  
to the Charter, the City Council is responsible  
for policy making, the City Manager is  
responsible for administration. Both will be  
working closely together to make sure that  
the city runs efficiently. A new policy hand-  
book needs to be compiled. The City  
Manager is willing to make a draft of policy  
and procedures for Council to review and  
amend before it is adopted.b. Knights of Columbus insurance for their  
fund raising in April. The City received a  
copy of the insurance from the Knights of  
Columbus as requested. Council has no  
objections to this fund raiser and a letter will  
be sent stating same.

New Business.

a. Leonard Graf was present to talk to  
Council on the proposed 2000 Sidewalk  
Project that could be done this year.  
Discussion was held and questions were  
answered by Mr. Graf.

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Moved by Wyman, supported by Banda to  
approve the proposed 2000 Sidewalk Project  
from Richards & Associates letter of March  
1, 2000. Project cost is estimated at  
\$342,000. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0,  
Absent: 0, motion carried.b. Richards & Associates Invoice. A discus-  
sion was held by Council with Leonard  
Graf explaining the charges on this invoice.

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Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes to  
pay the invoice from Richards & Associates  
in the amount of \$7,229.95. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,  
Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.c. Dave Frederick, Mr. Frederick spoke to  
Council regarding a grant the Crawford  
County Transit Authority is applying for. This  
grant is for "On Demand Bus Services" and is  
asking the City Council for a commitment of  
\$1,000.00, figured on .50 cents per city resi-  
dent according to the last census. Questions  
were asked which were answered by Mr.  
Frederick.

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Moved by Brown, supported by Banda to  
write a letter of support and a commitment of  
\$1,000.00 to the Crawford County Transit  
Authority for an "On Demand Bus Service"  
grant. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0,  
motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: None.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Mr. Lowe passed out some information  
regarding seminars coming up in the future  
that Council may be interested in.

b. STING activity report.

c. Cafeteria plan for employees through  
AFLAC. There is interest from the employ-  
ees to go to this type of plan. Council would  
like more information brought to Council at  
the April 10, 2000 meeting.d. MERS. Mr. Lowe asked permission  
from Council to opt out of the MERS  
Retirement Plan to invest in another retire-  
ment plan.

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Moved by Banda, supported by Wyman to  
give permission for this City Manager and  
future City Managers to opt out of the MERS  
Retirement Plan and invest the funds the city  
would have contributed to MERS in a retire-  
ment plan directed by the Manager. Ayes: 5,Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion car-  
ried.e. Questions on contracts with the city.  
There will be contracts coming up, need to  
get some information. Mr. Lowe will bring  
this to Council at the next meeting. Mr. Sabin  
gave the opinion that the City Manager has  
the authority to enter into service contracts,  
on behalf of the city, if the funds are in the  
budget.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Wyman had questions on health  
insurance with the City.b. Mr. Wyman asked about the water bill  
policy. Past policy was discussed and ways to  
collect past due water bills.c. Mr. Wyman updated Council on the  
committee picked for location of a new City  
Hall. Mo McNamara has agreed to be on this  
important 3 member committee as a citizen  
from the community. Three sites that this  
committee is looking at are: the Library prop-  
erty, the old Bear Archery property and  
adding on near the Fire Department. Mr.  
Wyman suggested that we need to get an  
architect involved as to what our needs are,  
cost of such a project, etc. Have talked to the  
school about an architect, also it was suggest-  
ed that we contact M.M.L. for advice on an  
architect.d. Ms. Brown inquired about the leaf pick-  
up as many people have bags out already due  
to the nice weather. Will contact Waste  
Management and will have a schedule out for  
the paper as soon as we know.e. Ms. Palmer advised Council of material  
she received regarding Brownfield prop-  
erties. We would need to set up a Brownfield  
Authority but could then obtain free help  
from consultants. Will get some further infor-  
mation and bring to Council.

Adjournment

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Moved by Brown, supported by Banda  
that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays:  
0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The  
meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Kay Ellen King

City Clerk

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County of Crawford, Township of Maple  
Forest, The W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of  
NW 1/4 of Section 26 T28N R3W Cont 5  
Acres.**Parcel Number 020-026-007-035-00  
Delinquent Tax Year 1995  
Year of Tax Sale 1998  
Tax Sale No. 530  
Amount Tax Deed Holder Paid 796.54  
Amount necessary to redeem is \$1194.81  
plus sheriff fees and publication costs, if any.  
Name of Tax Deed Holder: Swan Family  
Ltd. and First Union.  
Address: P.O. Box 309, Bradenton Beach,  
FL 34217  
Date: 3/20/2000

-6-13-20-27

FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE**This firm is a debt collector attempting  
to collect a debt. Any information we  
obtain will be used for that purpose.****MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been  
made in the conditions of a mortgage made  
by Arthur Mursey a single man (original  
mortgagee) to Mortgage Acceptance  
Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 1999,  
and recorded on June 25, 1999, in Liber 483,  
on Page 552, Crawford County Records,  
Michigan, and was assigned by said mort-  
gagee to the Bank One National Association,  
as Trustee /k/a The First National Bank of  
Chicago, as Trustee, as assignee by an assign-ment dated June 8, 1999, which was recorded  
on December 20, 1999, in Liber 498, on Page  
253, Crawford County Records, on which  
mortgage there is claimed to be due at the  
date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED  
ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE AND 64/100 dollars  
(\$101,365.64), including interest at 11.300%  
per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest  
rate may change 7/1 and 1/1 of each year.Under the power of sale contained in said  
mortgage and the statute in such case made  
and provided, notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the  
mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at  
public venue, at the front door of the County  
Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00  
A.M. on May 3, 2000.Said premises are situated in CITY OF  
GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan,  
and are described as:**The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the  
Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of  
Section 22, Town 25 North, Range 4 West.**The redemption period shall be 12  
month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 23, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
(248) 593-1305

Trott &amp; Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200012963

Panthers

-23-30-6-13-20

MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE  
SALE**THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO  
COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFOR-  
MATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED  
FOR THAT PURPOSE****MORTGAGE SALE** Default having  
been made in the terms and conditions of a  
certain mortgage made by SHARON M.  
HADLEY AND CHARLES T. HADLEY,  
Husband and Wife, of 7516 North White  
Road, Grayling, MI 49738, Mortgagees, to  
FIRST FINANCE, which is organized and  
existing under the laws of Michigan and  
whose address is 6785 Telegraph, Bloomfield  
Hills, MI 48301, Mortgagee, dated December  
8, 1997, and recorded in the office of the  
Register of Deeds, for the County of  
Crawford and State of Michigan, on  
December 17, 1997, in Liber 443, Page 333  
of Crawford County Records, which mort-  
gage was thereafter assigned to BANKERS  
TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA,  
N.A., as Custodian or Trustee, 3 Park Plaza,  
16th Floor, Irvine, CA 92614 and recorded on  
July 10, 1998 in the office of the Register of  
Deeds for said County of Crawford in Liber  
457, Page 551 of Crawford County Records,  
on which mortgage there is claimed to be  
due, at the date of this notice, for principal  
and interest, the sum of SIXTY EIGHT  
THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY  
SIX AND 99/100 (\$68,236.99) DOLLARS.And no suit or proceedings at law or in  
equity having been instituted to recover the  
debt secured by said mortgage or any part  
thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the  
power of sale contained in said mortgage, and  
pursuant to the statute of the State of  
Michigan in such case made and provided,  
notice is hereby given that on **Wednesday  
June 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.** said mortgage  
will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction,  
to the highest bidder at the front door to the  
county building in Grayling, Michigan,  
(that being the building where the Circuit  
Court for the County of Crawford is held), of  
the premises described in said mortgage, or  
so much thereof as may be necessary to pay  
the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mort-  
gage, with the interest thereon at 11.85% per  
annum and all legal costs, charges and  
expenses, including the attorney fees allowed  
by law, and also any sum or sums which may  
be paid by the undersigned, necessary to pro-  
tect its interest in the premises.Which said premises are described as fol-  
lows: All that certain piece or parcel of land  
situate in the Township of Maple Forest,  
Crawford County, and State of Michigan and  
described as follows, to-wit:**The Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of  
the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest  
1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North,  
Range 3 West.**

Tax Id No. 020-026-007-040-00

The redemption period shall be six months  
from the date of such sale, unless determined  
abandoned in accordance with 1948CL  
600.3241a, in which case the redemption  
period shall be 30 days from the date of such  
sale.

Dated: April 20, 2000

**BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF  
CALIFORNIA, N.A., AS CUSTODIAN OR  
TRUSTEE**

Assignee of Mortgagee

ELAINE W. MARDIROSIAN (P33528)

Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee

1373 Balfour  
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230  
(313) 881-0296

-20-27-4-11-18

MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE  
SALE**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR  
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.  
ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN  
WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.****MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been  
made in the conditions of a mortgage made  
by Billie J. Marrs and Hendrina Marrs hus-  
band and wife (original mortgagees) to  
Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee,  
dated November 11, 1998, and recorded on  
December 1, 1998 in Liber 468, on Page 626,  
Crawford County Records, Michigan, on  
which mortgage there is claimed to be due at  
the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FOUR  
THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-  
FOUR AND 83/100 dollars (\$44,734.83),  
including interest at 2.500% per annum.Under the power of sale contained in said  
mortgage and the statute in such case made  
and provided, notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the  
mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at  
public venue, at the front door of the County  
Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM,  
on May 24, 2000.Said premises are situated in TOWN-  
SHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford  
County, Michigan, and are described as:  
The North 233 feet of the East 1/2 of the  
West 330 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the  
Northeast 1/4 of Section 11,  
Town 27 North, Range 4 West.The redemption period shall be 6 month(s)  
from the date of such sale unless determined  
abandoned in accordance with 1948CL  
600.3241a, in which case the redemption  
period shall be 30 days from the date of such  
sale.

Dated: April 13, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE

CALL:

248-593-1301

Trott &amp; Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200014321

Cougars

-13-20-27-4-11

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
83rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
83rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Order for Service by  
Publication Posting and  
Notice of Action

File No. 00-030-LT-1

Plaintiffs

**METROPOLITAN MORTGAGE &  
SECURITIES COMPANY, INC.**

Thomas J. Miller, Jr. P53340

Trott &amp; Trott, P.C.

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 180

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

(248) 642-2515

Defendants

Ronald McCue

Dawn McCue

Mr. and Mrs. Occupant

3126 M-72 East

Grayling MI 49738

Ronald McCue

Dawn McCue

7810 Oak Road

St. Helen, MI 48656

TO: DAWN MCCUE

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this  
court to FORFEIT A LAND CONTRACT. You  
must file your answer or take other  
action permitted by law in this court at the  
court address above on or before May 24,  
2000 at 9:00 a.m. If you fail to do so, a  
default judgment may be entered against you  
for the relief demanded in the complaint filed  
in this case.2. A copy of this order shall be published  
once each week in Crawford County  
Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and  
proof of publication shall be filed in this  
court.3. Plaintiff shall post a copy of this order  
in the courthouse, and at 3126 M-72 East,  
Grayling, MI for a single posting and shall  
file proof of posting in this court.4. A copy of this order shall be sent to  
defendants at the last known address by reg-  
istered mail, return receipt requested, before  
the date of the last publication and the affi-  
davit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Date: March 30, 2000

Judge John G. Hunter

-13-20-27

MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE  
SALE**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR  
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.  
ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN  
WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.****MORTGAGE SALE** Default has been  
made in the conditions of a mortgage made  
by Bruce R. Amburgey, a married man (orig-  
inal mortgagees) to Union Federal Savings  
Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated  
August 23, 1996, and recorded on August 27,  
1996 in Liber 417, on Page 42-49, Crawford  
County Record, Michigan, and was assigned  
by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan  
Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an  
assignment dated September 4, 1996, which  
was recorded on March 5, 1997, in Liber 426,  
on Page 90, Crawford County Records, on  
which mortgage there is claimed to be due at  
the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE  
THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE AND  
69/100 dollars (\$63,073.69), including inter-  
est at 9.000% per annum.Under the power of sale contained in said  
mortgage and the statute in such case made  
and provided, notice is hereby given that said  
mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the  
mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at  
public venue, at the front door of the County  
Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM,  
on May 17, 2000.Said premises are situated in TOWN-  
SHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford  
County, Michigan, and are described as:  
The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West  
1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northwest  
1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33,  
Town 25 North, Range 2 West.The redemption period shall be 6 month(s)  
from the date of such sale unless determined  
abandoned in accordance with 1948CL  
600.3241a, in which case the redemption  
period shall be 30 days from the date of such  
sale.

Dated: April 6, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE

CALL:

248-593-1306

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Attorneys and Counselors

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Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200013514

Mustangs

-6-13-20-27-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORDHARRY J. GREETHER, et al  
Plaintiffs

File No. 00-100-GC-1

v. **RUSSELL M. BATES and REAL ESTATE  
ONE OF WEST BRANCH, MICHIGAN,  
Defendants****CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.**  
By: William L. Carey (P31602)

Attorney for Plaintiffs

2373 S. I-75 Business Loop

PO Drawer 665

Grayling, MI 49738

(517) 348-5232

EX PARTE ORDER FOR ALTERNATE  
SERVICE BY PUBLICATIONAt a session of said Court held in the City of  
Grayling, County of Crawford, State of  
Michigan this 11 day of April, 2000,  
PRESENT: HONORABLE JOHN G. HUNTER  
District Court JudgeUPON A REVIEW of the pleadings filed in  
the instant case, and a review of the  
Affidavit in Support of Order for Alternate  
Service by Publication filed herein, and the  
Court being otherwise fully advised in the  
premises:IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND  
ADJUDGED that service in the instant mat-  
ter may be accomplished pursuant to MCR  
2.106(D)IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff  
shall cause the instant order to be published  
once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in  
the Crawford County Avalanche.

TO: RUSSELL M. BATES

1. An action has been filed against you for  
breach of contract in District court for  
Crawford County, Michigan, Crawford  
County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue,  
Grayling, Michigan, 49738; File #00-100-  
GC-1;2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file  
your answer with this Court and serve it upon  
the attorney for the plaintiff, or take such  
other action as may be permitted by law,  
within 28 days of the last publication of this  
order.3. Failure to comply with this Order may  
result in a judgment by default against you  
for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: 4-11-00

Honorable John G. Hunter  
District Court Judge

-20-27-4

NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE  
BY SALEDefault having been made in the condi-  
tions of a certain Promissory Note and  
Mortgage made on the date of May 24, 1995  
by John L. Wakeley, a single man, as mort-  
gagor, to David A. Cruickshank and Betty  
M. Cruickshank, husband and wife, as  
Mortgagee, said Mortgage being recorded  
June 16, 1995 at Liber 395 Page 408-409, in  
the office of the Register of Deeds for  
Crawford County, Michigan, upon which  
note there is claimed to be due and unpaid at  
the date of this Notice the sum of Seventeen  
Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight and  
34/100 (\$17,568.34) Dollars, plus accrued  
interest at the rate of Ten (10.0%) Percent,  
plus late fees and other allowable costs,  
including reasonable attorney fees, real prop-  
erty taxes and insurance accruing from  
November 12, 1999.Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in  
equity having been instituted to recover the  
debt or any part of the debt, secured by said  
mortgage and the power of sale being con-  
tained in said mortgage having become oper-  
ative by reason of such default:NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby  
given that on the 26th day of April, 2000 at  
10:00 in the forenoon at the main front door  
of the Crawford County Courthouse,  
Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for  
holding the Circuit Court for said County



# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 23-29

**Aries**  
**March 21-April 20**  
Shrewd and practical ideas will come to the forefront in the near future. Your ideas will be accepted by some and ridiculed by others. Those that scoff at your ideas may have hidden agendas. Be open to a weekend getaway with a special friend.

**Taurus**  
**April 21-May 21**  
Are you ready for a new you? Then it's time to put some of your self-improvement plans in action. With a better self image, you'll find your attitude toward others improves, too. Don't be afraid to make yourself happy and enjoy life more.

**Gemini**  
**May 22-June 21**  
You may find yourself drawn to powerful and influential people in the next month. Their lives hold secrets. Don't be caught unaware. This is not the time to bite off more than you can chew. Influential people can be very pushy.

**Cancer**  
**June 22-July 22**  
Have some fun! You have been working really hard, and it's time you enjoy yourself. A close friend may end up being the perfect companion for a weekend away from the responsibilities of work, home and other burdens.

**Leo**  
**July 23-August 23**  
Don't take any action until you consider the outcome. A tense disagreement may strain a partnership. The whole ordeal could be a sign that this is not a good situation after all. Have other things been bothering you?

**Virgo**  
**August 24-September 22**  
You can be happy. The answer to erasing your melancholy may lie in a non-conforming lifestyle. Listen to the advice of a long-time friend. A new acquaintance does not hold the answer to your problems.

**Libra**  
**September 23-October 23**  
Social activities should be organized around family and/or children. You won't regret the time together. Give yourself some time to digest your feelings about a personal relationship. It's not a good idea to rush into anything right now.

**Scorpio**  
**October 24-November 22**  
Prepare yourself for an encounter with a very demanding person. Keep in mind you don't always have to agree with him/her. You'll learn first-hand that discretion is the better part of valor. Don't even consider a financial proposal.

**Sagittarius**  
**November 23-December 21**  
Community will be the word of the week. Becoming more involved in your community and its efforts to help a nonprofit organization will give you great joy. Be sympathetic concerning a problem at home, and don't hurt anyone's feelings.

**Capricorn**  
**December 22-January 20**  
Take pride in an idea you are proposing. Don't let one person in the room ruin what you've worked so hard for. Take a short trip. You may find a new investment idea. Talk out a family situation soon, before it gets a lot worse.

**Aquarius**  
**January 21-February 18**  
Strong personal relationships may result in new opportunities for you. Don't get so set in your ways. Be flexible and open-minded. Take the bull by the horns and try to overcome the emotional turmoil that's been eating at you.

**Pisces**  
**February 19-March 20**  
It is time for you to take a step back from your responsibilities and decide who and what are the most important things in your life. You have let someone close to you down one too many times. The relationship is suffering. Don't do it again.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Strawberries 'n' Cream Pizza

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, cold & sliced.
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 3 1.4 oz. packets chocolate covered toffee bits
- 1 8 oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 qt. fresh strawberries, hulled & halved lengthwise
- whipped cream

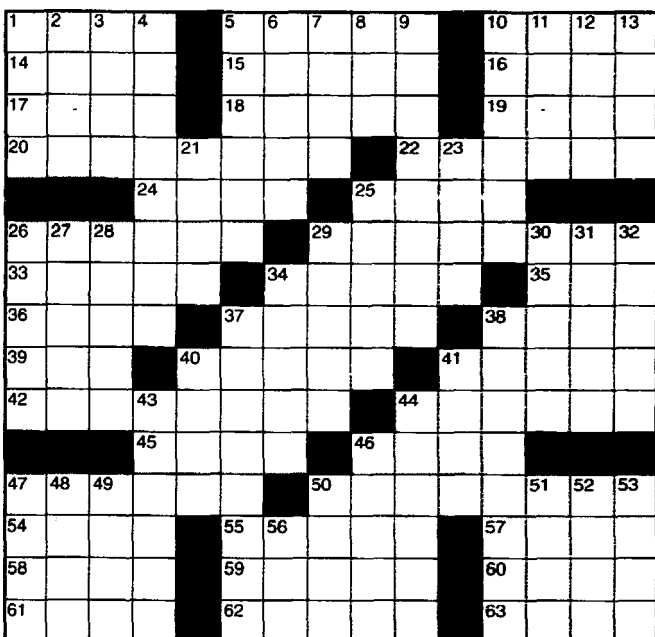
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In large bowl, combine flour,

butter and nuts; mix until blended. Press mixture on bottom of 12 inch pizza plate or pan. Bake 10 minutes. Immediately sprinkle hot crust with 2 packets of toffee bits, distributing evenly over crust. Set aside to cool. Combine cream cheese and powdered sugar; beat until blended and smooth. Spread evenly over cooled crust to within 1/2 inch of crust edge. Arrange strawberries, cut-side down, in circular rows over cheese mixture. Decorate top of pizza with whipped cream in a spiral design, starting at center and ending at crust edges. Sprinkle remaining toffee bits over top. Serves 8-12



**HOME NEEDED** - Filbert is a 1 1/2 year old Jack Russell Terrier. He is housebroken. Not for small children, very active. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1. Strike with the open hand
- 5. Kind of training
- 10. Is a productive hen
- 14. On a voyage
- 15. Bakery by-product
- 16. Declare
- 17. Palm reader
- 18. Ivory and Dove
- 19. Caron role
- 20. Footnote star
- 22. Type of card
- 24. Shade of dark red
- 25. Former TV host
- 26. Manufacturers' tags
- 29. Car repair establishment
- 33. "I could unfold..." (Hamlet) (2 wds.)
- 34. Unwise ones
- 35. Intimidate
- 36. Barbie or Ken, e.g.
- 37. Bow features
- 38. Eat sumptuously
- 39. Hydrocarbon suffix
- 40. Possibly perilous
- 41. Unit of length
- 42. Hates
- 44. White water
- 45. High-rise dwellings; abbr.

- 46. Type of weed or bonnet
- 47. Sleeping sickness fly
- 50. Flower signifying affection
- 54. Drill sergeant's command
- 55. Credulous
- 57. Glen
- 58. Emulate a wolf
- 59. Fudd of Warner Bros.
- 60. Threat word
- 61. Librarian's urging
- 62. Filmdom towngoer
- 63. Longines face

### DOWN

- 1. House: Sp.
- 2. Operates
- 3. Have two left
- 4. Word before one leaves
- 5. Sinks
- 6. Rioted
- 7. Steep
- 8. Little demon
- 9. Mt. Rainier's range
- 10. Aged beers
- 11. Ardent
- 12. Cindy Bear's beau
- 13. M\*A\*S\*H Emmy winner

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago April 21, 1977

A vigilant group of Kirtland Community College students detected and fought a 10 acre forest fire last week which could have caused major damage to the nearby campus and 10 families who live near the fire site. The students had just left an evening class on forest fire control and were leaving to go home. They fought the fire with rakes and shovels, while the DNR was contacted. Shortly after the DNR arrived the blaze was contained with a fire line and extinguished with their fire fighting equipment.

The oral arguments relating to the Bear Archery union dispute have been heard and once again the waiting has begun. Even as the arguments were being heard in the Sixth Circuit Court in Cincinnati Bear Archery was conducting a labor study in Ocala, Florida, one of the cities being considered as the new home for the industry.

Announcement was made this week by Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Roger" Barber of the sale of Post Oil Company to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. "Chuck" Flick and Sons, effective immediately.

### 46 Years Ago April 22, 1954

The Grayling Gold Club through its president, Robert F. Neafie, filed intention of renewing its corporation status. The original corporation was formed on April 14, 1925 for 30 years. Club membership now stands at 85 persons.

Two Grayling girls are in the competition for the title of Queen of the 1954 National Trout Festival at Kalkaska, to be held this weekend. They are Phyllis Goss, 1954 Grayling Winter Queen and Miss Michigan Snow Queen and Lila Bunker.

The Grayling Vikings were victors in their first track meet of the

season at Gaylord last Wednesday with the Blue Devils and Boyne City.

An allotment of \$356,000 for construction of 16 new buildings at Camp Grayling has been given the Michigan National Guard by the National Guard Bureau. The new construction which will not begin until July will include five enlisted bath latrines, six enlisted messhalls, two officer bath latrines, two officer messhalls and a camp hospital.

All grocery stores in this area have converted to sale of Hunter's Dairy milk in the single service carton. There is no bottle deposit, no need to lug bottles back and forth. Because of this, no bottles will be accepted for refund after April 30.

### 69 Years Ago April 23, 1931

The Class of '32 has selected "Second-story Peggy" to present as their school play under the direction of Miss Norrine Berry of the English department. The cast includes Estella Larson, Marie Brown, Irene Randolph, Alyce Mahncke, Brad Jarmin, Howard Schmidt, William Foley and Billy Harrison.

Russell Robertson has resumed his work at Grayling Fish Hatchery after having been laid off for several months.

Claud Barber, who has been in Russia, is expected to arrive home in a few days. He will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barber in Roscommon.

Much needed rain came Monday evening and continued 24 hours and Wednesday a wet snowstorm added more moisture to the soil.

John Murphy who has purchased a farm near Kalkaska and moved there has sold his home to Frank Sanders.

The Misses Bernice and Ruth Corwin entertained at a pretty shower for their sister Mrs. Carl Hanson. Besides other decorations the table

was decorated with tiny pink and blue baby shoes which were used as nut cups.

Mrs. Edwin Carlson and little daughter Donna Jane, born April 8 at Mercy Hospital were dismissed Monday and returned to their home in Roscommon.

Mrs. Milford Hall was surprised Thursday evening when a number of her friends dropped in to remind her she was a year older.

### 92 Years Ago April 23, 1908

R. Brink caught a rainbow trout that measured 18 inches and weighed 27 pounds. Although the first few days of the fishing season were not all that could be desired, a number of fine catches were reported. And the arbutus buds are swelling and in a few days our world will be filled with the sweetest of all perfumes.

N.P. Olson was justly proud over the Easter offering from his wife, a nine pound boy, and all are happy.

Saturday night about 50 friends sprang a surprise on William Woodfield who has added another year to his span of life. It was nearly Sunday before the social time was ended, and knowing his penchant for horses, a fine team - on paper - was presented to him for a momento of the occasion.

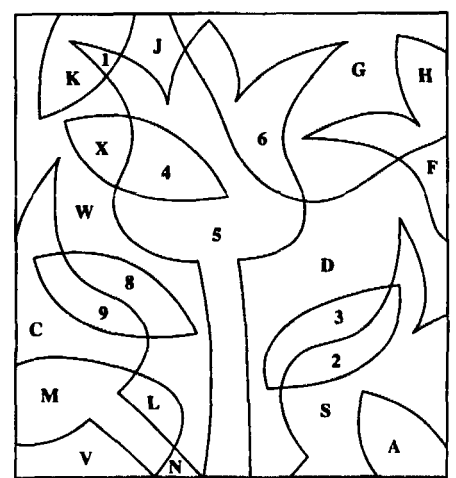
J.C. Burton and the Holland Bros. brought a fair wagon load of pickerel one day last week from two to four feet long, and Rolla Brink duplicated the catch the next day.

John Schram's little boy of Lovells was bitten on the cheek Thursday by a dog. The dog was disposed of. The Schrams have moved into their new house and George F. Owen has moved into the house vacated by them.

Miss Nora Peterson, the teacher in Johannesburg's school, spent the weekend at her home in Grayling.

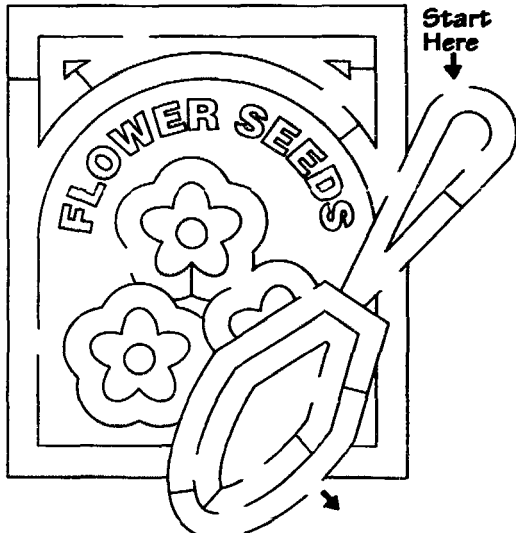


## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## MAZE



## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Precip.
4/11	36	23	Trace
4/12	42	20	
4/13	45	22	
4/14	72	42	
4/15	57	32	0.06"
4/16	33	30	0.15"
4/17	48	30	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: **Wednesday** - cloudy and cool with a high near 55. **Thursday** - overcast and cool with lots of rain, a low near 40 and a high in the upper 50's. **Friday** - cool and partly cloudy with a low in the upper 30's and a high in the mid 50's. **Saturday** - partly cloudy with a low near 40 and a high in the low 60's.

# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$5.75 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday



### 1. Real Estate

**I BUY HOUSE** and land contracts. Pay cash. Quick closings. Are you facing foreclosure? Divorce? Leaving the area? Don't ruin your credit. Call Peninsula Funding 1-800-641-1717. (3/11/99)(f/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**0 DOWN POSSIBLE** Three bedroom with cabin, two storage sheds. 2 1/2 acres, six miles east of Grayling on M-72. \$49,500. Call 517-348-6453 after 4:30 p.m. or leave message. (-20/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**TWO-THREE BEDROOM** 1,500 square foot, family room-one car garage. \$57,000. By appointment. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99)(f/1)

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### 1. Real Estate

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### 1. Real Estate

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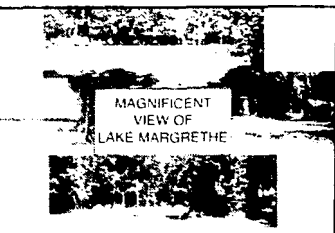
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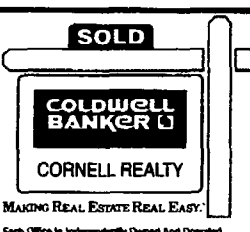
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**WANTED** Experienced carpenter, full time. Minimum five years experience required. Benefit package, including health, dental, paid vacation, holidays and retirement plan. Apply in person at Kowatch Builders & Developers, 3687 Old 27 South, Gaylord, MI 49735 (-20-27/3)

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**3. Employment**

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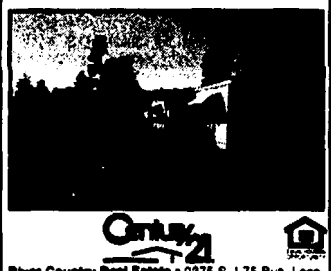
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**1. Real Estate**

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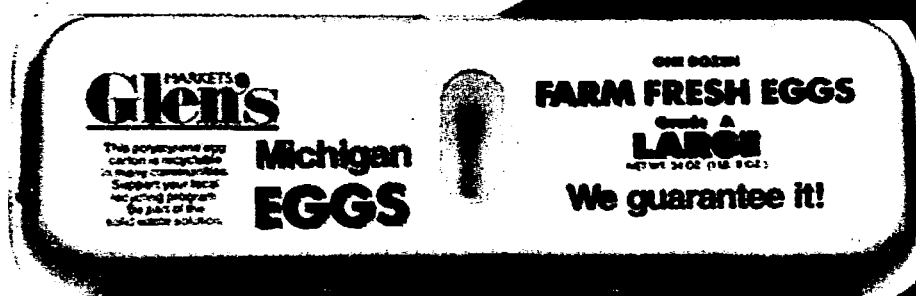
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■ Take as much care in choosing a lender as selecting a boat model when buying

(NAPS)—If this is the year you're buying or refinancing a boat, you'll be interested to learn which financing options—and lenders—help pave the way for the smoothest sailing. Lenders finance boats as easily as they do auto or home purchases. You should take as much care in choosing a lender as you do when selecting a boat model.

Here are some tips

from experts at The CIT Group, one of the nation's largest marine lenders, on choosing the right one.

1. Is the lender a money broker or the financing source? Find out by asking who will hold the lien. A financing source will hold its own lien, a broker will not. In most instances, it's faster and more confidential to work directly with a financing source (the decision maker) rather than a middleman.

2. How long has the financing source been in business? Look for a company with longevity in the financing business.

3. Will your application remain confidential, or will it be faxed to several lenders? Brokers will fax your application and tax returns to various lenders, each of whom orders credit bureau reports. Numerous inquiries on your credit report may cause future problems.

4. Are there any upfront fees? The industry is so competi-

tive that you should never have to pay an upfront application fee.

5. Are there any state restrictions? Some lenders are not licensed to do business in all states.

6. How is the company's service? The lender should be available at your convenience, not just 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# Personal Watercraft Industry Introduces Mandatory Education Model Act

■ Model act calls for a minimum age of 16 for all operators, education, slow speeds, & courtesy to other boaters

(NAPS)—The Personal Watercraft Industry Association (PWIA) has introduced a model act for states which calls for mandatory education for all personal watercraft (PWC) operators. The association represents the five major manufacturers of watercraft, which sell under such brand names as Jet Ski, Wave Runner, Sea Doo, Tiger Shark and Polaris.

According to John Donaldson, executive director of PWIA, "For the last 10 years we have promoted voluntary education among our buyers. Meanwhile, we've seen that uneducated boaters have nearly five times the number of accidents as those who take training. We want safe and responsible operators, so we are

urging the passage of a bill that requires education before use."

The model act also calls for a minimum age of 16 for all operators, slow speeds 100 feet from shorelines or anchored boats, courtesy to other boaters and sensitivity to the environment.

But the main aspect of the act, mandatory education, is designed to reduce accidents and user conflicts on the waterways. Donaldson is confident the provisions in the act will work since good results have been documented in states that pioneered mandatory education.

Since New Jersey's mandatory education program began in 1997, accidents have dropped

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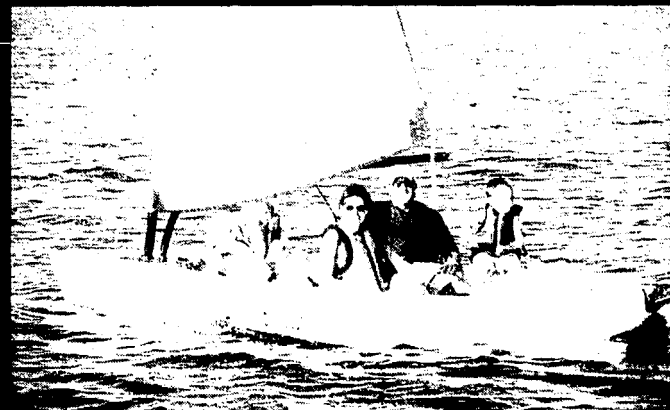


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# Avoid These Common Summer Spoilers

## ■ Remember sunscreens and insect repellent for those days out on the boat

(NAPS)—There are a number of things you can do to keep bugs, poison ivy rashes and sunburn from putting the bite on your summer. A few suggestions:

To Best Thwart Insect Pests:

1. Wear light, solid colors instead of bright or dark ones.
2. Use an insect repel-

lent. Many people prefer the safe, DEET-free, effective protection of Avon's Skin-So-Soft insect repellents, which are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency. The combination sun and insect-protective products have earned the Good Housekeeping Seal. For on-the-go bug

protection, try Skin-So-Soft Bug Guard Repellent Moisturizing Towelettes.

3. Avoid wearing heavy perfume, which can attract insects.

To Prevent The Ivy Itch:

1. Remember the old rhyme: "Leaves of three, let it be." Poison ivy is a three-leaved plant that's green in summer and turns red in the fall.

2. Apply a product such as Skin-So-Soft IvyBlock® lotion at least 15 minutes before you go out. It can provide a barrier that absorbs the allergenic, rash-causing oil found in poison ivy, oak and sumac. Reapply every four hours if extended exposure is anticipated.

3. If you develop a reaction to one of these plants, remove and launder your clothing as soon as possible. Wash the exposed skin area with soap and water, then sponge with rubbing alcohol. See a doctor if the reaction is severe or appears on your face.

Three Bright Ideas For Avoiding Sunburn Are "Slip, Slop, Slap":

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2. Slop on sun protection lotion. A hypoallergenic, dermatologist-tested sun protection formula such as Skin-So-Soft Moisturizing Suncare Plus SPF 30 can protect for up to 80 minutes—even in water! And this waterproof sunblock also repels mosquitoes, fleas and deer ticks. It has moisturizers to counteract the drying effects of the sun and wind on the skin. For children, try

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# Getting Panfish Into The Pan

## ■ Basic fishing tips to help you land delicious panfish

(NAPS)-Panfish are delicious-well worth the effort that goes into catching them.

With some freshwater fishing tips, catching panfish may not require that much effort.

The best way to catch panfish is with live bait suspended below a bobber. However, the round, red-and-white clip-on bobber may not detect the subtle bite of finicky sunfish or crappie.

Instead, many fisherman choose one of the

new "European floats," which are longer and more slender in shape.

With these floats you can add enough split shot so only the top of the float is above the water's surface. Set up this way, the float disappears with the slightest nibble.

In addition to choosing a good float, you need to be rigged with the correct-size line and hook. As a rule, the heavier the cover, the heavier line you'll need. But don't go too heavy

or your bait won't look natural. For most situations use two- to six-pound mono.

Hook size depends on the type of bait you're using. For minnows, use a size four to six; for worms, a size eight or 10.

To learn more tips and techniques for catching all types of fish, pick up a copy of *The Art Of Freshwater Fishing* from Cowles Creative Publishing.

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## Personal Watercraft

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37 percent, and injuries decreased by 31 percent. In Maryland, which enacted mandatory education in the mid-1990's, the number of PWC operators registered in the state increased by about 25 percent, yet there was a decrease in accidents by over 12 percent.

Connecticut reports that in addition to improved safety, complaints regarding PWC operation decreased significantly since its mandatory education program began in 1993.

Donaldson says education is particularly

needed among personal watercraft operators because of the number of first-time boaters attracted to the sport. "These buyers may have no prior knowledge of boating rules or etiquette."

He also notes that personal watercraft are often operated by friends of the owner, and boating safety professionals contend these secondary users account for a high proportion of user conflicts.

"Mandatory education of all operators-owners or not-will address that issue," says Donaldson.

While the manufacturers are committed to the

stricter requirements for operators, Donaldson cautions that states must implement mandatory education carefully. He says the education effort should be phased in over time, readily available through private sector sources, modestly priced, reciprocal in all states (like drivers' licenses) and good for life.

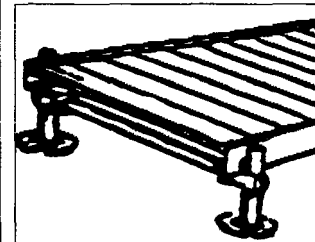
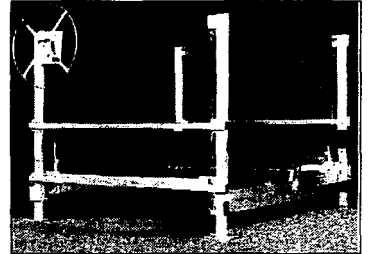
Asked what he hopes the future will bring with this new initiative, Donaldson said, "We know mandatory education will mean fewer fatalities, fewer accidents and fewer complaints. We have the proof it works."

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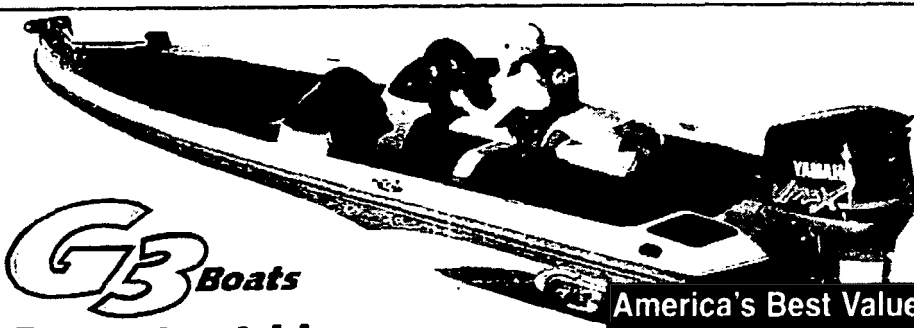


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# Making Your Fishing Lure Alluring

## ■ Tips for catching largemouth bass

(NAPS)—The more you know about the fish you're angling for, the more successful you may be.

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Known for their will-

ingness to feed on the surface, a largemouth can provide unforgettable highlights when it strikes.

Tie on a floating topwater lure and cast it back into a pocket in shallow weeds or brush. Don't start your retrieve right away; let the lure lie still for a few moments.

Get a good, double

handhold on your rod and give the lure a twitch. Continue the retrieve, varying the frequency and speed. Watching the lure is like watching a bomb that's ready to go off. It can be hard on the nerves.

You won't likely see the bass coming. The lure will be there one instant-gone in a spray of water the next.

It doesn't matter which floating topwater you use, as long as you make it act like a wounded baitfish struggling on the surface.

You want the old bass to get an "easy meal" message. The strikes... well, they're more like explosions.

The bass with the messiest eating habits will be the most fun to catch because you'll get a good, tough fight fol-

lowing the fireworks.

You can learn more about the largemouth bass by buying Largemouth Bass at your local sporting goods store or book store.

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## Better Boating: Precautions Prior To Launch

(NAPS)—Recreational boating is on everyone's list of favorite leisure activities. Whether you'll be fishing, water-skiing or just cruising, you can minimize risk and maximize fun on your next outing with these safety and storage tips from the experts who make marine-grade Velcro® brand

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### ANXIOUS TO GET UNDERWAY?

- Before you set sail, check to see if all necessary equipment is on board and in good working order. Prepare a "what if" checklist and review with all passengers.

- Secure vital gear

like the radio, flashlight or cellular phone in sight but out of the weather. Mount them in an easily accessible area below deck with sturdy, waterproof tape, which keeps cushions in place, too.

- Neatly tuck away stray gear that can shift around and cause a safety hazard. Secure a

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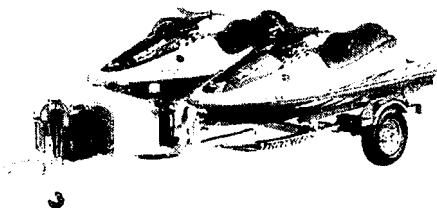


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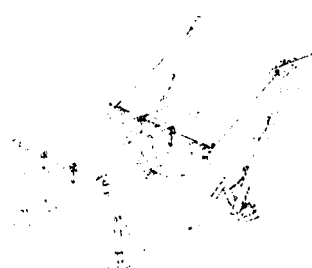
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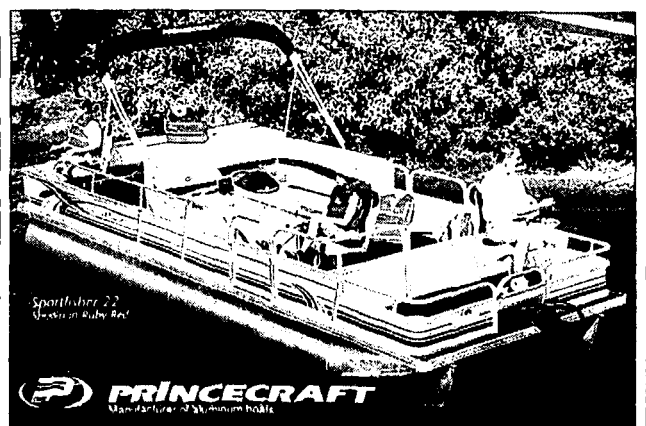
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## ■ Take precautions when outside to help prevent skin cancer

(NAPS)—Playing it safe while having fun in the sun may help you avoid becoming a skin cancer fatality.

If you plan to spend time in the sun, be sure to wear a chemical sunscreen product with an SPF rating of at least 15. Sunscreen can significantly reduce the cancer-causing effects of the sun's rays.

When applying sunscreen, say experts, it's important to pat it gently into the skin rather than vigorously rubbing it in.

You should also wear protective clothing, including a hat.

For those who do get skin cancer, radiation therapy can be a safe, effective and painless treatment, even for advanced cases, say radiation oncologists.

According to the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO), radiation therapy offers a number of advantages over surgery in treating skin cancer.

For example, no skin grafting is necessary with radiation therapy. Surgery often requires

cosmetic surgery or skin grafting. In addition, even large skin cancers can be treated with radiation therapy.

No hospitalization is needed with radiation therapy, and it is a painless procedure, where the patient can continue to work without using sick leave.

According to ASTRO, only the skin is treated in radiation therapy, and this explains why there is no effect on internal organs.

A variety of signs and symptoms indicate the possibility of skin cancer.

Watch for such changes on the skin as:

- a change in the size and color of a mole or other growth spot.
- scaliness.
- oozing.
- bleeding.
- a change in the appearance of a bump or nodule.

• a change in sensation, itchiness or pain.

Of the 9,500 yearly skin cancer deaths, 7,300 are from melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer.

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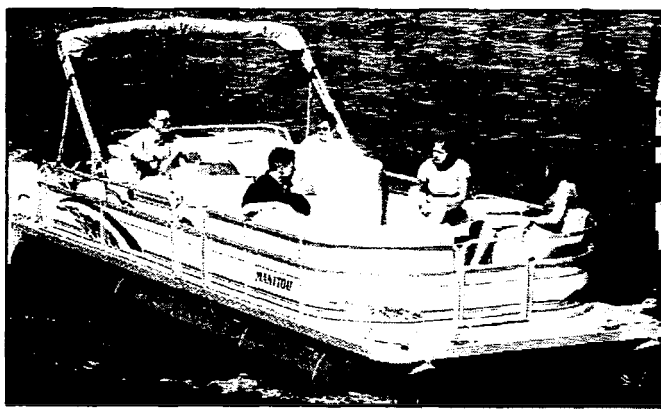


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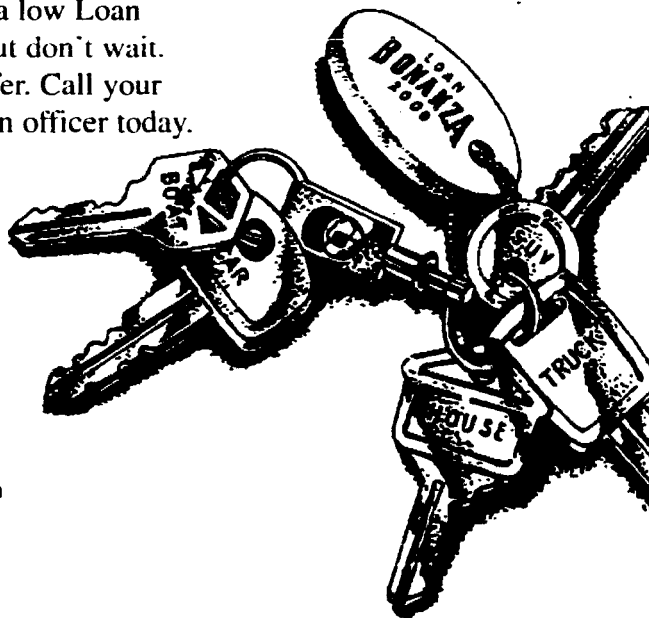
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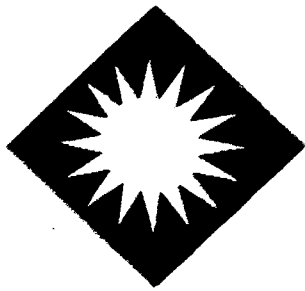


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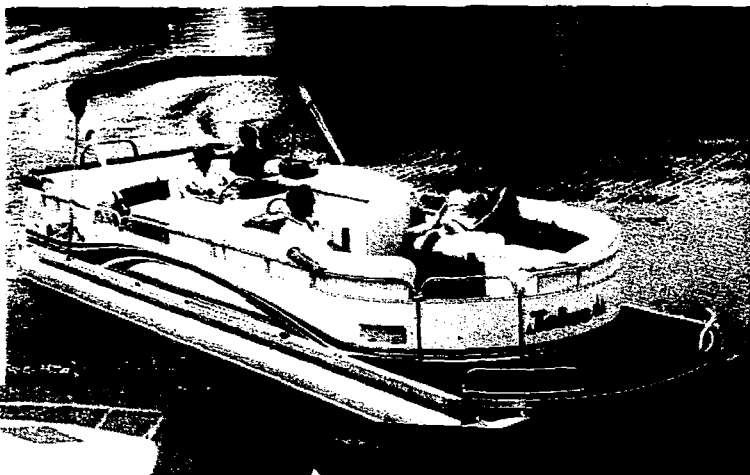
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